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** AFGHANISTAN. Voice of Sharia'h: I noted on Sept. 17th at 0058 a station sign on with a programme on 7092v kHz. Heard anthem (presumed), Holy Qur`an and talks about Muslims, also about Osama bin Laden. Frequency drifts during transmission to lower side: from 7092 to 7088 during two hours. Voice of Sharia'h was audible until 0245 when another station, Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan with a stronger signal turned on the adjacent frequency- 7090 kHz (Robertas Petraitis, Lithuania, Sep 17, 2001 for Clandestine Radio Watch via DXLD)

7085v, V of Shariah. Based on a tip from C Constantinides I tried today Sep 18 at 0430 to log V of Shariah; however did not find them except the transmission of V of Iraqi Kurdistan on 7090 as per log under K.

More on this station: On 17-9 at 1550 found on 7087 with man with news in Arabic, 1554 with Qur`an, strong QRM in both sidebands. On

18-9 at 1508 found on 7082 drifting downwards with man, talks in Farsi. S2. At 1515 with jammer for one minute (level S5); 1530 with program in English starting with the hymn of Taleban, then immediately with news referring to Islamic war, Islamic America and Mujahedeen (what was easy to catch even with SINPO at 22242 as after 1535 a strong noise caused much more difficult reception). 19-9 did not found anything. ICOM R 75 + 16 m on house (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7084v, Radio Voice of Shari'ah, the mouth piece of Taliban heard at tune in Sept 19 0140 while a male talking in Pushtu. Only male announcers could be heard through out the transmission time, 0210 a regional characteristic religious hymn "Ishadah", performed by a group of youth males with tambourines. Generally poor, S3 with sporadic weak amateurs QRM ,minor drift to 7083 by the time they sign off 0240 (Mahmud Fathi, Germany, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

7084.9 V. of Shariah, Kabul, Sep 15 1645-1657 33322-34332, Unknown (Urdu?) and Russian, Koran. Russian ID at 1651. ID as [Govorit Radio...Shariah, Afganistan, Kabul]. Talk. // Sep 16 7085.8 (Kouji Hashimoto) 7087.1 V. of Shariah, Kabul, Sep 17 1535-1559 33333-34333 English and Arabic, Talk. English ID at 1536. ID as [Voice of Shaliah]. Arabic ID at 1544. Arabic Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, ALL: Japan Premium via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. Voice of Shari'a Audio needed
September 18, 2001 by Nick Grace - grace@clandestineradio.com

Dear Colleagues,

With war imminent I am asking for your help to collect and archive English-language broadcasts of the Taliban's Voice of Shari'a on ClandestineRadio.com so that people all over the world can listen in over the Web. Unfortunately, reception here in the States is impossible so I am writing to you and to other prominent European and Asian DX'ers to ask for your help in this endeavor.

What I hope to accomplish is a daily online archive of each day's 15 minute English-language broadcast. The audio, of course, will not be exclusive to ClandestineRadio.com but will be made public for use by other non-commercial Web sites and DX clubs/newsletters. Reception does not have to be perfect and it also does not matter whether the program was heard on SW or MW.

There is a tremendous amount of interest in Afghanistan right now, and this could be a good chance to promote SW listening. In addition, the broadcasts from Kabul are pieces of a history we are living today. The only access foreign journalists have to the

Taliban is through the Voice of Shari'a and its broadcasts. It would be wonderful if we could ensure that this example of propaganda is not lost...

If anyone can help with this endeavor full credit will be given, of course, and the recordings will be made available to anyone who wishes to share in them. (Unless of course you would prefer exclusivity; I am open to any and all suggestions.) I would be very open to the idea of running this project together with other DX Web sites/ organizations.

Since time is of the essence I would like to begin archiving the broadcasts as soon as possible. Any and all audio formats (real, wav, windows media, etc) are fine and the files can be large. If you know anyone who may be interested in helping with this please pass my message along.

Thanks for your time. I hope to hear from you soon... Best 73's, (Nick Grace C. ClandestineRadio.com Washington, DC, CRW via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. Media Hot Spots: Afghanistan

When the anti-terrorist military operation gets under way, it's widely expected that the first target will be Afghanistan. We look at information sources available in that country. Today for the first time, my colleagues in the Radio Netherlands Programme Distribution Department were successful in recording the Voice of Shariya on 1107 kHz via a remote receiver in Pakistan. Over the weekend, unless events intervene, I intend to encode a sample of the broadcast which we`ll put on line early next week. Here in the Media Network office we've just connected a new antenna to the NRD-525 so that we can monitor and record events as they unfold.
http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/afghanistan010917.html
(Andy Sennitt, Media Network Sept 21 via John Noroflk, DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA [and non]. 9032, Ice 01, 02, 03, 04, 05 working Auckland, Mac Center, Mac Weather. Also heard South Pole and Mac Relay. Position reports monitored (John Charlton, Greymouth, NZ, Kenwood 5000, 30 m wire, Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** BELARUS [non]. A correction of Radio Racyja schedule: Sorry but my information in the CRW 079 with a schedule of Radio Racyja was uncorrect. Thinking about Polish transmitters I automatically converted the announced local times from Polish in to UT. But times really were Belarusian, not Polish! Anyway my information about the new transmissions on MW 1080 kHz was correct: real 1900-2200 UT, but announced 1900-2100 UT. Other announced times and frequencies are (with correct conversation in to UT now): 0400-0600 on 6035, 1000-

1200 on 6180, 1800-2000 on 6010, 0500-0900 on 612 kHz (R. Petraitis, Lithuania, Sep 14, for CRW via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. RADIO AYOPAYA, informaÁıes e esquema de transmiss„o: Radio Ayopaya es parte del CCA y funciona desde hace 5 aÒos, fue inaugurada el 7 de abril de 1996, con un transmisor en FM de 25 W de potencia que servia como enlace para el Transmisor de AM con una potencia de 1 KW. Actualmente trabaja de la siguiente manera:

Los estudios de nuestra radio se hallan ubicados en el pueblo de Independencia que se encuentra a una altura de 2600 m.s.n.m. Desde los estudios se emite la seÒal con un transmisor FM de 25W a otro Transmisor FM - 96.5Mhz de 300W que se encuentra a una distancia de 10 Km en el cerro mas alto de la regiÛn llamado ACUTANI a 4200 m.s.n.m. Estos equipos trabajan desde las 5:00 a. m. a 23:00 p.m. y con esa potencia logramos cubrir un 80 % del territorio de la provincia que se encuentra enclavado en la cordillera del Tunari. Para las comunidades mas alejadas y los oyentes que gustan de nuestros idiomas nativos decidimos convertir nuestro transmisor de AM a ONDA CORTA y desde junio del 2001 estamos transmitiendo con las siguientes caracterÌsticas:

Frecuencia en onda corta: 3344 Khz, Banda de 90 m. Potencia del Transmisor: 1 KW Altura de ubicaciÛn: 2850 m.s.n.m. Horario de trabajo: 5:00 - 8:00 y 18:30 - 21:30 (Hora Boliviana) Horario de trabajo: 9:00 -12:00 y 22:30 - 01:30 (Hora UTC)

Uno de nuestros principales objetivos de radio AYOPAYA es ser fuente informativa para pueblos, comunidades y aldeas de la provincia, usando los tres idiomas que se practica en la zona, el quechua, Aymar· y Castellano, tambiÈn ser medio de informaciÛn, educaciÛn, concientizaciÛn, diversiÛn y recreamiento sano, para todas las edades del p˙blico oyente. Las personas que trabajan en la radio son del lugar (no profesionales) que se han ido formando a travÈs del trabajo diario en la radio, pequeÒos cursos presenciales y a distancia. Es una radioemisora comunitaria de apoyo a la educaciÛn y formaciÛn de las familias campesinas. Nuestra direcciÛn es la siguiente: Centro Cultural Ayopayamanta Plaza Fidel Anze # 5, acera Sud TelÈfono-Fax:: 00591 4 244909 Telefono: 00591 4 292519 Email: culayo@s... [truncated by yahoogroups but has appeared previously in DXLD] (Lic. Norma Estrada, COORDINADORA y Ing. Jorge Aquino, ASESOR, R·dio Ayopaya, via Samuel C·ssio, @tividade DX Sept 21 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Emissoras brasileiras inativas em ondas tropicais nestes ˙ltimos dias: 3245 R. Clube, Varginha-MG. 4825 R. CanÁ„o Nova, Cachoeira Paulista-SP. 4925 R. Difusora, TaubatÈ- SP (Samuel C·ssio, S„o Carlos, SP, @tividade DX Sept 21 via DXLD)

** CANADA. CBC Preview: THE TRANSCONTINENTAL. Coming up this Sunday on The Transcontinental, a traditional favourite. Host Otto Lowy plays music in honour of the Jewish High Holidays. It's a program that always garners lots of calls and letters, so don't miss it! The Transcontinental, Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on CBC Radio Two (CBC Hotsheet via DXLD) Webcast is only from Toronto, EDT zone, so 1700 UT; but Vancouver Radio One also airs it at 7 a.m. PDT, 1400 UT Sunday (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. Re last week`s DRM tests via Sackville, which we heard on 21760, tho the noise was louder at 21755 and 21765. See also NETHERLANDS (gh)

Habe mir heute einmal die DRM-Testsendung von R Canada International aus Sackville auf 21760 von 1500-1600 UTC mit analogen Equipment angeh^rt.

Mit dem 6 kHz-Filter wurde durch den DRM-Signalkern der Frequenzbereich 21751.5 - 21768.5 in CW-Mode mit S 9+15dB (gemessen bei 21760) beansprucht.

(Dies entspricht (beim NRD) einem QRG-Bereich 21750-21767 in USB-Mode oder 21753-21770 im LSB Modus.)

Mit dem 2,3 kHz-Filter wurde etwa 21753.5 - 21766.5 in CW mit S 9+10db (21760) gemessen. (Entspricht 21752-21765 USB / 21755-21768 LSB)

Innerhalb diesem etwa 20 kHz breiten Frequenzbereich w%re im Konkurrenzfall sicherlich kein weiterer, analoger Sender brauchbar aufzunehmen.

Zudem waren die Flanken des DRM-Signals als wesentlich leiseres, rauhes Rauschen noch bis etwa +/- 50 kHz h^rbar. Somit w%re DX im Bereich von 21710-21750 und 21770-21810 nur eingeschr%nkt m^glich gewesen.

Als Referenzwert: Das Bandrauschen lag an der ALA-1530 bei etwa S 2,5 auf 21760 um 1603 nach c/d 16:01:03 des DRM-Tests.

Angesichts dieser Erfahrung frage ich mich, wie eine zufriedenstellende gemeinsame Bandbelegung in digital und analog erfolgen soll...

Selbst bei einer immerhin denkbaren Aufteilung der Rundfunkb%nder in f¸r digitale und analoge ‹bertragungsarten reservierte Bereiche stellt sich mir die Frage, wieviel Platz denn das DRM-Signal nun wirklich braucht. Kann man im Abstand von 20 kHz DRM-Ausstrahlungen

plazieren, oder kommt es dabei zu gegenseitiger Stˆrung des Datenstroms durch die breiten Flanken? Weiss jemand was? (Silken Medert, Germany, A-DX Sep 16 via BCDX via DXLD)

** CANADA. RCI Action Committee update:
If you haven't done so recently, may I suggest that you pay a visit to the RCI Action Committee website. There are a couple of interesting items that have been added to the site in recent days which are well worth a look. http://www.geocities.com/rciaction/

First is a FLASH headlined "Decision on RCI's Future Delayed". This is a most interesting development at RCI detailed in a memo to RCI staff from RCI General Manager Denis Doucet.

Also, under the headline "See the RCI Newsroom on a Weekend", you will find an absolutely mind-boggling photograph of a completely empty RCI newsroom taken on a weekend.

Particularly given the developments of the last two weeks on the world stage, it is simply beyond logic, to me at least, that someone hasn't yet realized just what a ridiculous decision shutting down our Canadian international broadcaster's newsroom on weekends is!

Time for me to fire off another letter those ever-wise decision makers. How about you? (Sheldon Harvey, Sept 22, swprograms via DXLD)

** CANADA [non]. I just heard about this story and checked out the archived version of the CBC Radio programme, The House, of September 15, 2001.

On the programme, about 10 minutes or so into the broadcast, is an interview with Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley. He is being asked how he heard about the attacks on New York and Washington on September 11, and where he was at the time.

It turns out he was on an Air Canada flight about a sesquihour out of Frankfurt, Germany, heading back to Canada, when a flight attendant went to him and asked to speak with him privately. The attendant said that they had heard about a terrorist attack on New York and Washington.

Manley was immediately taken to the cockpit of the aircraft, and he and the pilots listened on headphones ... to the BBC World Service... to get the latest updates on what was taking place.

Once again, the reach of shortwave broadcasting. I guess it goes without saying that he wasn't listening to a North American service of BBC!" (Sheldon Harvey, QC, Sept 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

90 minutes out of Frankfurt heading for Canada would, by my estimation, mean they were above or close to Ireland. It would have been around 1330 UTC. I would guess they were tuned to 12095, which is mainly a European frequency (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

** CUBA [non]. Miami 21 de Septiembre, 2001. La Cadena UnivisiÛn anunciÛ hoy en su Noticiero local a las 6:00 PM que la "Voz de la FundaciÛn" realizÛ su ultima emisiÛn en Onda Corta. Con anterioridad se habia anunciado, que una de las causas que motivaron la renuncia de su principal vocera la periodista Ninoska PÈrez CastellÛn, eran los planes de la OrganizaciÛn de cerrar las trasmisiones via Onda Corta dirigidas a el pueblo de Cuba. Seg˙n la informaciÛn brindada por el canal 23 de UnivisiÛn cinco trabajadores fueron despedidos. Cordiales 73's (Oscar, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voz de la FundaciÛn is kaput on SW, despite listing in new WRMI schedule, see under USA; but below says it may come back (gh, DXLD)

ESTIMADO GLENN: Hoy a las 0000 UT por los 7315 kHz via WHRI escuchÈ el ˙ltimo programa de la "Voz de la FundaciÛn. En el minuto 0:47 de su segunda hora de emisiÛn uno de los conductores, Omar LÛpez Montenegro expresÛ: "la Voz de la FundaciÛn va a suspender sus trasmisiones, con car·cter temporal provisional, pero no tenemos una fecha exacta para regresar.`` DestacÛ que la situaciÛn econÛmica en los EE.UU. y que ellos ``no est·n substraÌdos a la realidad de lo que est· pasando". Otra persona destacÛ "que en honor a la verdad, m·s que despedirse del aire era un cambio de antena y que en otro momento estarÌan de nuevo ofreciendo informaciones". Omar LÛpez expresÛ que eso no significa el cierre de La Voz de la FundaciÛn y que dentro de un tiempo estarÌan de nuevo en contacto con el pueblo de Cuba por otras vÌas. Entonces, podemos suponer que cambiar·n las plantas de emisiÛn WRMI y WHRI. Esperemos! Cordiales 73's (Oscar, UT Sept 22, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. About your comment: 'The AM list concludes with this interesting X-band entry, probably not on air yet, as never reported by DXers and does not include phone number, callsign: 137 Circuito Telesonido, S.A. 1620 San Francisco de MacorÌs'

This station was in fact testing last winter and some listeners in Scandinavia, including me, were lucky to catch the broadcasts. I got an eMail-QSL from the station in April 2001 and I quote here some of the information presented by the station representative LeÛnidas Fco. HenrÌquez de Jes˙s (a ham operator with the call HI3LFH):

' ...Sr. Pentti, le dirÈ que Radio TAINA ES A.M. 1620 KCLOS Y F.M. 104.3 MHZ. Su historia es bastante larga aunque solo tenemos 8 aÒos

en el aire. En los inicios tuvimos en A.M. en los 1030 kclos. y luego nos cambiaron a F.M. Hace aproximadamente 3 aÒos nuevamente se nos asignÛ la frecuencia de 1620 Kclos. A.M.; con el funcionamiento de estas dos frecuencias se pone en nuestro anhelo la satisfacciÛn de un sueÒo de cuando era niÒo y lo que queremos desarrollar por la razÛn que soy un enamorado de la radio y las telecomunicaciones en general ... le debo decir que en estos momentos estamos re-instalando las torres por lo que estamos fuera del aire; ya le informaremos cuando entremos nuevamente' '...

LlevÈ su reporte al Ingeniero JosÈ Andres UreÒa, quien construyÛ el equipo con el que transmitimos. Estuvo muy satisfecho; este equipo es armado por el Sr. por un plano original de la GATES U.S.A., todo a v·lvulas con finales 833-A; en la actualidad trabaja en baja potencia con unos 250 vatios, una torre de 130 pies de altura, coaxial 7/8. Usted escuchÛ la identificaciÛn de TAINA F.M., porque est·n simult·nea; el nombre de los 1620 Kclos. A.M. es RADIO PLANETA. Muy pronto estaremos separados con una programaciÛn diferente, transmitiremos con mayor potencia y se lo informaremos de inmediato...'

73 de (Pentti Lintuj‰rvi, Helsinki, Finland Webmaster of 1000 Lakes DX Page at http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Park/3232/dx.htm and dxlinks.com at http://www.dxlinks.com/ DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hmm, seems that item did not make it into DXLD of the era. Please tell us directly of such X-band catches in future (gh)

** EGYPT. 9990, Radio Cairo; 2137-2203+, 18-Sep; News, mainly on WTC attack to 2140 then more WTC commentary. Arab music 2147-55 then "Sports Roundup" which continued past 2200. All commentary by woman in English. Very muted/tough copy. SIO=433. LSB takes out most of ute? QRM & helps copy (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE via DXLD)

** EGYPT. 0215 UT Sept 20: [Audio was a bit muffled and newsreader's voice was occasionally unintelligible.]

Radio Cairo led its newscast with a report that Egyptian President Mubarak and Canadian PM ChrÈtian exchanged views when the latter placed a telephone call to him. Palestinian officials visited Mubarak to update him on the unilateral cease-fire ordered by Arafat yesterday. A Palestinian group claimed responsibility for attack on Israeli settlers. Bush, while meeting with Indonesian president, calls on Taliban to turn over bin-Laden. Taliban says it wants talks with U.S., but U.S. says it's time for actions, not talk. Pakistani President offers his country a justification for his decision to assist the U.S. Gulf Cooperation Council representatives in talks with US Secretary of State Powell and the eight member nations of the

Council issue statement of support for U.S. efforts to build coalition against terrorism. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and French President Chirac confer.

Comment was an explanation of Mubarak's position that the effort to combat terrorism has to involve the views of the entire international community. He suggests an international conference held under the auspices of the United Nations. In order to be a success, an effort against international terrorism must be shared by the whole world. An important consideration has to be the terrorism experienced by Palestinians at the hand of "Zionist extremists". In this regard, the U.S should adopt a more even-handed position. Monitored on 9475 kHz. (John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

** ESTONIA [?]. R Novaya Zhizn' all evening today on MW 1035. Good signal and low modulation points to a former Eesti R tx. Mostly soft vocals and jingles, also noted some spoken word in Russian (Olle Alm, Sweden, Sep 15...)

MW 1035, Estonian transmitter, but Russian program. Last nite nonstop mx till after midnight UT. No announcements at full hour. Music style Russian and International. Like a local (Bengt Ericson, Sweden, Sep 16...)

I also tuned this last Fri at 1757 on 1035. Continuous Christian pops, a jingle ID by woman chorus at the TOH, but it didn't opened for me. Then Christian talk features in Russian. This is certainly coming from the South, checked with my rotatable loop, Tallinn is also my guess. Any further info? It's on the air also now at 1415, but has breaks. Still adjusting and testing? (Jarmo Patala, Finland, hcdx Sep 14...)

The tx is not so low-powered. It is heard very well in southern Sweden and I guess it is the old Estonian tx on 1035. During nighttime it is a powerhouse here (Bengt Ericson, Sweden, hcdx Sep 17...)

Sep 17 1035 kHz +0217-0232+ (but they were on air at 0100-0200 too) "CMA studio" religious program in Russian, songs, 0231 ID as "Russkoye Khristianskoye Radio" - it seems Family R tests via one low power Estonian tx... (Mikhail Timofeyev, Russia, hcdx Sep 17...)

I noted it again yesterday evening at 1700-2000 (only empty carrier till 1800), in Russian only. This is Moscow's Radio Novaya Zhizn' (=Radio New Life) - apparently it is a KNLS partner station. The announced its Moscow address, but I could not make notes (I think we can use this address for our reports). (Mikhail Timofeyev, Russia, Sep 20...)

Just had some phone talks with some offices in Moscow: Radiostantsiya Novaya Zhizn' (=New Life Radio/NLR) is a 24 hour satellite program from Moscow. See http://www.christianradiorussia.org/index2.html in English with addresses, etc. By the way, they did not want to inform me who is their broadcaster in Estonia...

If you heard on 1035 kHz an ID as "Russkoye Khristianskoye Radio" - this stn from Moscow too (see their http://www.rcr.ru or http://www.rcr.org.ru in Russian only - e-mail: radio@rcr.org.ru You can hear their programs on 1035 kHz during NLR transmissions, via R Mayak (Sun 0240-0250 on 198, 549, etc.) or via R Rossii (Tue 1713-1723 on 261, 873, 5965, etc.).

Their postal address is: 125047, Moscow, P. O. Box 141. I just informed them about their relays on 1035 kHz (they did not know about these relays!), DXers, RRs, etc. Let's hope they will be able to verify our RRs correctly... (Mikhail Timofeyev, Russia, Sep 20; all BC-DX via DXLD) Hmmm, should be ALASKA [non] ? (gh)

Dear colleagues, I've just received the detailed information from my colleagues -collaborators from HCJB about the Christian radiostation, that works in Tartu on the frequency 1035 kHz - Tartu Family Radio\Tartu Pereraadio. This is the project of local Tartu Christian group, which was started two years ago by the world famous HCJB collaborator David Kily and fully supported , financially and technically, by HCJB-World Radio. At present, for 21 hours Pereraadio relays the programmes of radio "Novaya Zhizn`" in Russian (from Magadan), whose studio just now is located in Moscow. The signal of the radio "Novaya Zhizn`" (formerly called "Christian Satellite Radiogroup"- also a project of HCJB-World Radio) is transmitted from Moscow studio via sputnik LMI-1 on 12.606 GHz, the speed 2000, vertical polarization, FEC 3/4. There are the reports about the stable(!!!) reception of Tartu Family Radio/Tartu Pereraadio on the frequency 1035 AM in Sankt-Petersburg, even in the day time! Power of transmitter 50 kW. It is interesting to note that by now radio "Novaya Zhizn`" has a licence for broadcasting on FM band in Russia only on the territory of Magadan (Andrey Nekrasov, Moscow / DX_BISTRO via Anatoly Klepov, Russian DX League, Bulletin "RUS-DX", Moscow, Russia. http://rusdx.narod.ru via Mike Barraclough, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. ``R. Tigre, in Ethiopian`` is the way WWCR still introduces and still carries V. of Tigrayans in North America, Thursday 2100 on 15685 Sept 20 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. WRN has changed the English-language broadcast it retransmits at 11 am Eastern time. It now relays the 0700 UT

broadcast to Africa, instead of the previous 1200 UT broadcast -- meaning that the transmission is eight hours old when it is relayed on WRN instead of the previous three-hour delay. No announcement or explanation for the change has been heard on WRN or RFI. It is frustrating to hear such an old broadcast on WRN when RFI's already offered updated English-language broadcasts at 1200 and 1400 UT (Mike Cooper, GA, Sept 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. RFI boosts programmes in Persian | Text of report by French news agency AFP

Paris, 21 September: Radio France Internationale (RFI) has decided to step up its programmes in Persian targeted at Afghanistan, Iran, Tajikistan and the whole of the Central Asia region, to provide "world coverage" of events linked to the terrorist attacks in the United States. For two days now the radio has thus been broadcasting an extra half-hour of programmes in Persian for all the communities in this zone, most of whom understand this language, RFI specified in a statement today, Friday. RFI has been broadcasting programme in Persian since March 1991, comprising a news bulletin, a topic of the day and a press review. In addition to this first part, there is a feature section, going into an aspect of the current news in depth, and reports following economic, cultural and social news. Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in French 1022 gmt (via BBCM via DXLD)

?? Details? Would it be too much to ask AFP for the times and frequencies involved?? (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY. If I heard it right, DW announced on Sep 20 that it is extending its Dari, Urdu, and Pastho broadcasts by 1/2 hour each (Hans Johnson, WY, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** GHANA. 3366, R Ghana, 2335 19 Sept, An unusually strong African opening this evening allowed me to log the following spurs from R Ghana's 90m fundamental, 3366. These spurs are all at intervals of 80.3 kc, from the fundamental. 3125.1, 3205.4, 3285.7 (3366) 3446.3, 3526.6, and 3606.9. It not often that these spurs are audible here (David Hodgson, TN, harmonics yahoogroup via DXLD)

** HAITI. State TV criticized for airing views supporting US terror attacks | Text of report from the "0730 Appointment" newscast, broadcast by Haitian Signal FM radio on 19 September

... [Paul] We are surprised to hear about the position of the state-owned media, Television Nationale d'HaÔti [Haitian National Television - TNH], which hailed what happened in the United States. This is a disgrace for the country, because it is the state-owned television. We want the United States to understand that those who

spoke on TNH spoke on their own behalf and on behalf of the [alleged] chief terrorist who is leading them in the country and that they did not speak on behalf of the Haitian people or any responsible citizen in Haiti. [applause] [End of recording] Source: Signal FM Radio, Port-au-Prince, in Creole 1230 gmt 19 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** ICELAND. It's not a crossed d though that may be a description by people fallen from the Viking way. It is: HTML (usually) name character, [May not display correctly] Ð Eth single guillemet open P ð eth single guillemet close p (Daniel Say, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DXLD is becoming very international, language wise. Not only do we need to read French, German, Portuguese and Spanish - but now also Icelandic I see! I look forward to hearing you read those programme details on air! I already have – ¸ and fi capability, but had little opportunity to use them. Keep up the good work. Best 73's (Noel Green, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5010.0, AIR Thiruvananthapuram 0020 s/on Sept 16 with regular interval signal and "Vande Mataram", short announcement and right into talk, except - the language didn`t sound like Hindi at all, not Tamil either, possibly Sindhi or Dogri but not sure... at 0035 into English news bulletin until 0040.

Later Sept 20: Just a bit of info concerning AIR Thiruvanathapuram on 5010.0 - in my last log of them I mentioned the language definitely not sounding like Hindi. I`ve been in contact with several folks in India since, one of them in Kerala state where AIR Thiruvanathapuram is located. They all informed me that the language used is indeed not Hindi, but Malayalam which is widely spoken in Kerala. On top of that they checked and let me know that AIR Thiruvanathapuram is on only with the 0020-0215 broadcast. They`re not on-air on 1230 any more (as mentioned in several lists) and haven`t been for a long time (Thomas Roth, Germany, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. RRI Jakarta has recently made some more changes to its domestic services on SW. The relays of Programa 5 on 9680 during local morning and late afternoon and early evening are no longer heard.

Instead, Programa 3 is now heard with extended hours on 11760 (\\ 15125 and nominal 1332 which has been drifting 1332-1334v recently), probably from the same tx that previously carried Programa 4 on 9680 and switched to carry Programa 3 on 11760 at 0200-0900. I don't know the full schedule for 11760, but it seems to be on continuously from before 0055 to past 1500. I can't trace 15125 after around 1400.

4777v appears to operating with irregular hours. It's rather difficult to hear at this location with AIR Imphal much stronger on 4775, but as far as I can tell it's carrying RRI Programa 4, \\ 999 kHz (Alan Davies, Malaysia, Sep 18, BC-DX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Reactivation of RRI Merauke. RRI Merauke is presumably the one heard on 3905 with RRI nx at 1203 on 9/17. On 9/19 they were mixing w/R. New Ireland at 1120, both fair. Not heard in a while (J. Lineback, KS, DXplorer Sep 19 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** IRAN. 0035 UT Sept 20: VOIRI began its newscast today with Ayatollah Khamenei's admonition to Iranians to pay more attention to religion. Iranian President Khatami called on British PM to dialogue with other civilizations on measures to defeat terrorism. He said hasty decisions will not be successful. International leaders are increasingly opposing US plans to attack Afghanistan and Islamic nations. Osama bin Laden again denies involvement in US attacks and says that the US will get a "crushing response" if it attacks Afghanistan. 35 Pakistani Islamic groups will call for a fatwa on the US to eject it from its country if it attacks. Indonesian Islamic leader opposes any US attack on Muslim peoples. Syria says MOSSAD had a hand in recent US attacks. Palestine has instituted a unilateral cease fire.

The first commentary said that Europe's closest allies are becoming increasingly uncomfortable with the U.S.'s plans for combatting terrorism. These will be attacks on Islamic countries in the guise of fighting terrorism. Public opinion in US for an attack has subsided. Khatami told Blair that patience is an indispensable ingredient in the fight against terrorism. Since no nation is immune to international terrorism, unilateral action must be avoided. The UN is the proper forum for this international campaign.

The second commentary was mostly an analysis stressing Russia's position on international terrorism and U.S. policy regarding its definition of international terrorism vis-‡-vis Russia's. It also made reference to Russia's campaign in Chechnya in the context of international terrorism. (--John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

0036 UT Sept 21: VOIRI started its newscast tonight with a report on a government statement that said that Iran never will agree to the use of its air space for a US attack on Afghanistan. Iran echoes previous concerns about an attack on Afghanistan saying it would be a "human catastrophe". Iran's foreign minister, in a meeting with his Palestianian counterpart, criticized Israel for trying to take advantage of the situation created by the attack on the WTC and Pentagon. Afghanistan's religious leaders asked bin Laden to leave

the country and declared a jihad if U.S. attacks. The leaders urged the U.S. not to attack. Pakistani President Musharraf says it is his country's best interests to support efforts against terrorism. Moscow wants certain questions answered before it would allow its airspace in Central Asia to be used by the U.S. if the U.S. asks. The terrorist attacks on the U.S. could have been predicted according to interviews with former American officials (Gingrich among those named) by the Iranian news agency. Rumsfeld has ordered over 100 war planes to be moved to the Persian Gulf region, along with a third aircraft carrier. Arab League leader makes distinction between the coalition formed for the Persian Gulf War and the current coalition against terrorism. Fighting in Chechnya reported (mentioned "US helicopter gunships" but obviously meant Russia's).

The first commentary after the news dealt with a telephone conversation between the Iranian foreign minister and his Pakistani counterpart about the situation in the region in the wake of the terrorist attack on NYC and DC. The Iranian counseled caution. Iran has proposed to UNHCR that the latter set up relief stations within Afghanistan now. Both Iran and Pakistan have closed their borders with Afghanistan, but relief efforts by the two countries go on. The destitute Afghan people are the ones who would have to pay for the hasty actions of those who would not have taken the time to carefully consider the situation. A "human catastrophe" would result.

The second commentary said that Pakistani public opinion is split over President Musharraf's decision to assist the US in its efforts to battle terrorism. The commentary explains Musharraf's justification for his decision which it said Musharraf described as a difficult decision, but one that had to be made.

[The tone of tonight's newscast was considerably more sober and businesslike than those of the previous two nights. The consistent thread running through Iran's take on the situation is that terrorism is contrary to Islam, Iran strongly condemns the attack on the WTC and Pentagon, Iran counsels caution in the current situation and says that since international terrorism is a threat to all states, the world needs to devise a solution if that solution is be effective. Iran does not want a U.S. military attack on Afghanistan.] Monitored on 9835 kHz. [Personal comments and observations in brackets.] (--John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

** IRAN. Glenn, Was monitoring Radio Budapest September 20 at 0100 UT on 9560. Until 0126 UT SINPO 55444. However, at 0126 UT the Radio Budapest signal became fluttery and VOIRI came on 9560 causing Radio Budapest SINPO to change to 43443. Fortunately the Radio Budapest English broadcast ended at 0128 UT. At 0130 UT I heard a positive "Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran" by OM in English. I checked

again on September 22, 2001 at 0126 UT, but did not hear VOIRI on 9560. 73, (-.. . Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, VA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

0036 UT Sept 22: [VOIRI newscasts vary in length and tonight's was especially long. Rather than recount each item this time, I will try and relay the general tone of the newscast.]

[The newscast led with a repeat of two items from earlier in the week that the station obviously felt needed to be re-emphasized. The first dealt with the comprehensive statement by Ayatollah Khamenei that coupled a condemnation of terrorism and the slaughter of innocent people in all circumstances with a warning against an attack against Afghanistan as an act that will work against the eradication of terrorism. The second dealt with an account of a phone call between President Khatami and Prime Minister Blair of the UK, in which Khatami told Blair that an attack on Afghanistan would be counterproductive.]

[The Taliban rejected the U.S. ultimatum while expressing deep regret over the terrorist attack on the U.S. In a decidedly mixed message, it also said it would attack the strategic centers of any Islamic country that assists the U.S. in any attack on Afghanistan.]

[A second story that has been heard in most Iranian newscasts this week is the fact that Muslims around the world have been assaulted in the wake of the terrorist attack. This has led to officially expressed Iranian apprehension that followers of Islam will somehow be blamed for this and all terrorist acts and made scapegoats by the rest of the world. In this regard, a commentary tonight sought to make the argument that the international media is biased against Muslims and in favor of Israel.]

Monitored on 9835 kHz. [Personal comments/observations in brackets.] (--John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Voice of Mojahed: Habe heute Voice of Mojahed bis Sendeschluss um 1732 auf 13440 kHz gehˆrt. Kurz davor kam die ID in Farsi und es wurden eine Menge Frequenzen angesagt. Auff%llig das heute kein Stˆrsender da war. Vorgestern war er noch auf dieser QRG anwesend sogar noch ein paar Minuten nach Sendeschluss von VoMojahed. Auf o.g. Frequenz soll auch in USB die Utility Station ALE-Rum%nien senden (E. Bergmann, Germany, Sep 14, A-DX via Clandestine Radio Watch via DXLD)

** IRAN/IRAQ [non]. Radio Azadi: Don¥t know if this is a new development, but RFE/RL Persian service has its own web site at http://www.radioazadi.org making me wonder if the service is called Radio Azadi now? RFE/RL Radio Free Iraq still at

http://www.rferl.org/bd/schedules/iq-schedule.html
(Harald Kuhl, Germany, Sep 18, DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. AFAIK the 0400 and 1600 broadcasts are on Reshet Aleph (the first domestic network) whereas the 1900 broadcast is on Reshet Heh (fifth network--external).

On the internet, you can get the fifteen minute 0400 broadcast as a real audio file from ftp://audio.wrn.org/kol_eng12.ra or listen on demand at pnm://audio.wrn.org/server1/kol_eng12.ra after about 0420 GMT.

Somewhat later you can use ftp://usa.wrn.org/kol_eng12.ra or pnm://usa.wrn.org/kol_eng12.ra (no "server1").

Unfortunately, the permissions on ftp://usa.wrn.org are set so that plebes cannot read the directory so that it is hard to tell in advance if a file is from today or yesterday.

You can get the half hour 1600 broadcast at about 1642 from ftp://audio.wrn.org/kol_eng2.ra and similarly to the above.

Sometimes at the end of the file you can hear a Hebrew ID for "Reshet Aleph".

The twenty-five minute broadcast at 1900 may be heard at the Reshet Heh live stream at http://israelradio.org (Joel Rubin, Sept 21, swprograms via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. 0400 UT Sept 20: Newscast led with a report that Peres and Arafat are to meet today to discuss formal cease fire and re-establish diplomatic contacts. There has been relative drop in violent incidents after Arafat's order. Two Palestinian groups said they would not be bound by Arafat's order. Powell congratulates two sides on the cease-fire and urged meeting at earliest opportunity. Arafat and Mubarak met in Gaza to discuss cease-fire. US orders over 100 military aircraft into the Persian Gulf, joining over 200 already in the area. U.S. has rejected offers of talks from the Taliban. U.S. naval task force has left Virginia on its way to the Indian Ocean joining two ships already there. Bush again warns Afghanistan to turn over bin-Laden and says that he understands that different countries will take up the global fight against terrorism in different ways. Janes says that Israeli military intelligence suspects that Iraq sponsored the attack in the US last week. Prime actors were Hezbollah and bin-Laden's Al Queeda (sp?). Janes says that Israeli suspicions were cemented by reports of recent meetings between principals of the two groups including a known close bin-Laden associate.
Monitored on 9435 kHz. (--John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

0400 UT Sept 21: Kol Israel's newscast opened with a report that security officials told the cabinet that Palestinians are still not fully observing the cease fire. The cabinet then decided not to schedule a meeting with Arafat at this time. Cabinet sources said there will not be a meeting this week. A government spokesman said that Sharon (Israeli prime minister) has a dilemma--not to interfere with Washington's efforts to build a coalition against terrorism while making sure that the world understands what and who Arafat really is. Peres told a Labour Party gathering that Israel cannot refuse the request of the U.S. that the government meet with Arafat. Arafat said he has launched an investigation into an attack last night and two Palestinians have been detained. Series of reports on violence throughout Isreal and the Palestinian territories. Bush addresses Congress to prepare public for war, details of ultimatum to Afghanistan reported, evidence points to bin-Laden. Speech described as "dramatic". Bush said that the war on terrorism is not a fight against the Islamic faith (segment of speech played). Greenspan says U.S. economy will suffer problems in the short term, but long term outlook is good. Share prices down in morning trading in Tokyo. Tourism officials in Israel ask the U.S. State Dept. to rescind its travel advisory on Israel. The attack on NYC shows that U.S. should stop issuing such advisories and rethink the criteria used to make them.

In the press review, these reports were included: Israel will be alerted before U.S. launches any action against Afghanistan. Israel will permit use of its air space by U.S. forces. Peres-Arafat meeting will probably take place tomorrow night.

Monitored on 9435 kHz (John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

** JAPAN. According to the Press Release, the second VLF standard frequency station JJY will start regular 24 hr transmission from around 0230 UT on Oct 1. The new station is located at Mt. Hagane, Saga prefecture, Kyushu, and covers western Japan. The signal format is the same as the first one on 40 kHz. Freq: 60 kHz Power: 50 kW Antenna: 200 meters umbrella type. Type of Signal: A1B.

The first VLF stn has already been in operation on 40 kHz from Mt. Ootakadoya, Fukushima prefecture, with 50 kW, to cover eastern Japan.

As for 60 kHz stn, QSLs are not issued for the reception of their test signal before Sept. But nothing is said about the QSL policy after Oct 1st.

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Japan. E-mail: horonet@crl.go.jp FAX: +81 42 327 6686. URL: http://jjy.crl.go.jp (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Sep 20, BC-DX via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. 7090, V of Iraqi Kurdistan, 0433, man in presumed Sorani Kurdish speaking about Muslim Kurds. Signal S5 with QRM from hams at lower side band. Upper band was clear (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, Sept 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also AFGHANISTAN

** KUWAIT. Kuwait authorizes 9K2USA call sign: Bob Furzer, K4CY/9K2ZZ, reports that the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society --- in conjunction with the Kuwait Ministry of Communications --- has authorized the use of the call sign 9K2USA by all radio amateurs in Kuwait. The authorization is being characterized as "a small token of the sympathy and support for the people of the United States from the citizens of Kuwait, and as an expression of deep condolence" following the deadly terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, DC. The authorization will continue through the end of September. The Kuwait Amateur Radio Society will handle QSL chores using a common database, and all QSLs will be via 9K2RA, e-mail 9K2RA@kars.org. Visit the KARS Web site http://www.kars.org (--Bob Furzer, K4CY/9K2ZZ ARRL Letter Sept 21 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

Nice, but would that not be rather confusing, with all stations using the same callsign? (gh, DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 5100, R Liberia, 2310 Sept 19, news in English by YL. Many references to Liberia and Monrovia. Current affairs PX began around 2322. Strong signal, but ute QRM on LSB (David Hodgson, TN, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Para cerrar con broche de oro los festejos del XXXII aniversario de RMI se dar· un concierto con m˙sica Mexicana el dÌa 28 de septiembre, a las 19:00 hrs, tiempo de MÈxico (01:00 hrs UTC) y desde luego para quieres lo reporten se tendr· una QSL conmemorativa. Saludos amigos (Lucha, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Try 11770 and/or 9705. If local time is 1900, UT would be 0000 UT Sat Sept 29, as DF is supposed to still be on DST for another day. This is XERMX`s big (live?) anniversary Mexican music concert. Sure wish they webcast -ñ or do they? (gh, DXLD)

** MIDDLE EAST [and non].
I found and share with you web address for several press agencies

AFP http://www.afp.fr
ITN http://www.itn.co.uk
INA - Iraq http://www.uruklink.net/iraqnews/eindex.htm

TASS http://www.itrar-tass.com
Reuters http://www.reuters.com
VNA Vietnam http://www.vnagency.com.vn/Public/Newse.asp
Afghan press http://www.afghan-web.com/aop/
Israel news agency http://www.israelpr.com/distortednews.html
Czech News http://www.chechnyanews.com/
Iraq daily http://www.iraqdaily.com/
Yemen NA http://www.sabanews.gov.ye/
SUNA Khartoum http://207.230.130.2/pg000003.htm
     English page http://www.sudanet.net/suna.htm
Palestine http://www.wafa.pna.net/
MENA Egypt http://www.mena.org.eg
KUNA Kuwait http://www.kuna.net.kw
Assyrian http://www.aina.org/
Gulf News Bahrein http://www.moi.gov.bh/gnanews/gnaenglish/gna-e.html
Arab media http://www.al-bab.com/media/sources.htm
(Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO see on IBB website
http://www.ibb.gov/pubaff/morocco.html (wb df5sx Sep 15...)

I was interested in the page about Tangier also, but I think it could give more information than it actually does. For instance, what happened to the original station and some details about transmitters etc. (Noel R. Green, UK, Sep 18, BC-DX via DXLD)

** MOZAMBIQUE. From: Gordon Adam Gmadam@btinternet.com
Subject: Radio producer wanted --- Media Support Partnership

Radio Production Adviser needed (Mozambique, 12 month contract)

Mozambique is one of the countries most at risk from HIV/AIDS. In some areas, 25% of the population are HIV positive. Radio has been identified as the key to raising awareness of the disease. Media Support Partnership (MSP), a Scottish based NGO specialising in development communications, in partnership with the Mozambican National AIDS Council (CNCS), is embarking on a project to work with radio broadcasters in five provinces to produce lively and locally appropriate HIV/AIDS radio programming in vernacular languages. The aim is to engage listeners in HIV related issues such as high-risk lifestyles and stigma towards people living with AIDS. At the same time, MSP will develop a national communications strategy on HIV/AIDS for Mozambique. Initially, the project is for 12 months, but the expectation is that it will be extended for a further three years.

Working to the Maputo based Project Manager, Media Support Partnership is looking for a Radio Production Adviser, to be based in Chimoio (close to the Zimbabwe border in central Mozambique) and

primarily responsible for working with local broadcasters to develop HIV radio programming in Sofala, Manica and TetÈ provinces. This is a challenging post with great potential. The minimum requirement is radio production and training experience along with initiative, energy and enthusiasm. Flexibility, exceptional interpersonal skills and experience of working in a developing country are also essential. A good knowledge of Portuguese will be a strong advantage, as would an understanding of public health issues. Fluency in English is a requirement.

The post will be for twelve months. A salary of US$2000 ñ US$2500 per month will be paid depending on experience, along with a local living allowance and use of a vehicle. Travel to and from Mozambique will be covered along with health insurance. Starting date: early November 2001. Please send CVs to Julia Russell at julia@mediasupport.org. Closing date: 28th September 2001.

Further information from Ib Schou: ibschou@pc.dk or call +45 27287809 (cellphone)

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(caj-list Sept 18 via Ricky Leong, QC, DXLD)

** NEPAL. 5005.0, Radio Nepal, Sept 15 0015 s/on with "Yo Radio Nepal Ho" and right into news on peace rally in Kathmandu starting at Basantapur, mention of large numbers of people lining up at the U.S. embassy to make their condolences for the victims of Tuesday`s terrorist attack, also mention of attempts at reopening the road from Thankot into the Kathmandu valley after heavy landslides, very weak today and heavily QRMed by ute RTTY station, best on LSB (Thomas Roth, Germany, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Geronimo on air this weekend. Will be aired around 0530 till 0700 UT or just an hour later. Also could be that you are hearing the same program on 15070 at Saturday night/Sunday morning (2230/0630) // into the 48 mb. So the same program could be running 3 times. Two on 48 and one time into the 15070 kHz, all in AM. Greetings, Operator of Dutch Relay Service http://www.geocities.com/dutch_relay_service/ Happy Catching and listening (Sept 20, shortwaves yahoogroup via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Hello from Hilversum, "It's been a terrible 10 days". So wrote a friend and colleague at another international station, and I couldn't have out it better. I don't recall another week in my life when I have been so emotionally affected by events thousands of miles away. Let me say right away that the content of the Media Network Webzine has been, and will be for some time to come, affected by what

has happened. Things that seemed important two weeks ago have paled into insignificance after the awful events in the United States. I would also like to draw your attention to a special edition of David Swatling's Aural Tapestry on Sunday 23 September. In "Tragedy in Five Movements" David combines poetry, music and first-person accounts of the awful events of 11 September. I've seen some of the accounts, and I know you will be as moved as we were (Andy Sennitt, Media Network Sept 21 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

May I draw your attention to the special edition of Aural Tapestry on Sunday. David Swatling combines poetry, music and first-person accounts of Sept 11th in "Tragedy in Five Movements". For those of you who don't know David, he's a New Yorker and this programme was probably the hardest one he's ever had to make (Andy Sennitt, swprograms Sept 22 via DXLD)

Aural Tapestry (first broadcast) Sunday, Sept 23:

DAVID SWATLING weaves the threads of art, culture and history and in the process, casts a spell to create his Aural Tapestry!

"Tragedy in Five Movements"
In the mid-19th century, the poet Walt Whitman lived in New York City when the American Civil War began with the bombing of Fort Sumter. He reflected his love of the city and his experiences of war in some of his most moving poetry.In the mid-20th century, the composer Dmitri Shostakovich lived in Leningrad when the city was under siege and being bombarded during the Second World War. His Eighth Symphony, written in 1943, contemplates the horrors of war and yearns, not for victory, but for peace. At the beginning of the 21st century, a new age of terror has dawned. Witnesses to the disasters in New York and Washington e-mail their experiences and words of comfort or hope to friends near and far. David Swatling combines poetry, music and first-person accounts in "Tragedy in Five Movements" on Aural Tapestry.

Broadcast times (UTC): 10.30 (Pacific/Asia/Far East), 11.00 (Europe/East Coast USA), 15.30 (Asia/West Coast USA), 19.00 (Africa), 21.30 (Europe), 00.30 (North America) (RN Previews via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. In the event of the commencement of military action by the US-led coalition, Radio Netherlands will add additional frequencies for transmissions in Dutch. These transmissions will commence as soon as possible after the start of the military action. Details as follows:
0330-0425 UT Flevo 9755 kHz 123 degrees to the Middle East
0330-0425 UT Flevo 11660 kHz 142 degrees to East Africa
0457-0800 UT Madagascar 21485 kHz 350 degrees to Middle East

0457-0800 UT Madagascar 21470 kHz 045 degrees to South Asia
2227-2327 UT Flevo 9895 kHz 123 degrees to the Middle East
If necessary, The European transmission on 5955 and 9895 kHz (but not 13700 kHz) will be extended to 1725 instead of 1700.
http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/html/schedule.html (via Kai Ludwig, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Re the DRM transmissions --- I tuned them too and what a RACKET! Dreadful! The two adjacent channels were blocked too. The noise sound has altered --- previously it resembled the noise my electric shaver makes. Now it sounds like Chinese jamming! If we are to have DRM broadcasting it surely must operate in a sub-band away from AM broadcasting. Can you imagine what several DRM transmissions in the 49 mb in winter would be like! (Noel R. Green, UK, Sep 17, BC-DX via DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. 5770, R. Miskut 0000 Sept 20, full ID in SP w/ call sign YNPM; then LA music (Steve George, MA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** NIGER. 5020.5, La Voix du Sahel, 1900-1910 Sept 20, presumed the one here with drums interval signal, identification in French which I missed due to a phone call, and news in French, fair signal, clear channel with occasional strong bursts of interference (Mike Barraclough, England, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. It seems 7275 is audible after all, so FRCN at Kaduna is indeed using this channel! I mean, no ID, but Vernacular & music type was clearly African. I tried it again this morning, 18 Sept., and both Kaduna, and Ikorodu on 7255 were heard:

7275 Kaduna at 0714-0746 f/out, Hausa (tent), chantings, few talks, 15231.

7255 Ikorodu at 0745-0845 f/out, En nx, rpts (couldn't copy the name of the px, but sounded something like BBC's "Outlook"), mx. 25332.

Reception conditions were extreme, and even 7255 was very hard to receive without the 13 dB Wellbrook amplifier, so one can imagine the quality of the signal from Kaduna, which made me use the strange N[oise] R[eduction] of my NRD-545!...

Am listening to VON 7255 as I write (1730 UT), and signal is a lot better, of course. 7275 is blocked by Spain (Carlos L.R. de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves, Portugal, Sep 18, BC-DX via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria radio improves facilities, staff training

The Voice of Nigeria (VON), Nigeria's external broadcasting station,

is rehabilitating its facilities at both the Ikoyi and Ikorodu stations through upgrading equipment and training staff. The AllAfrica.com news web site on 20 September carried an article on the VON's rehabilitation plans, which was attributed to the 28 August edition of Nigerian weekly magazine Newswatch.

Seven studios at the station in Ikoyi, a suburb town of Lagos located in the southwest, have been refurbished. The three old studios have been repaired and broken down parts replaced. The federal government has also approved the installation of three new digital studios for the station, in addition to the modern digital studio donated to the station by the French government as a result of its collaboration with the Radio France International (RFI), the magazine said.

The modern digital studio makes use of compact disc cassettes and reel-to-reel tapes. It also uses computers, which makes it easier for editors to do their work on the screen, the magazine said.

On 29 July, when the management of VON gave journalists a tour of the facilities at the station, Ayodele Sulaiman, VON's director of programming, explained that the management thought it unwise to abandon the old analogue studios. He said that new equipment has been bought for the long neglected analogue systems, while regular maintenance is now carried out on them, the magazine said.

The director told Newswatch that some of the studios have been running for 38 years without appropriate servicing and maintenance by the past management. VON was carved out of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria in 1961 by the government of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa. It became independent in 1965.

At the station in Ikorodu, a town situated on the southwest coast near Lagos, the management also repaired three broken down transmitters. Two more transmitters are still waiting to be installed.

Timothy Gyang, deputy director of engineering, told Newswatch that when fully installed, the transmitters, with the aid of the repaired antennae would enable VON transmit to different parts of the world simultaneously in various languages. Currently, the station broadcasts in English, French, Hausa, Swahili and Fulfude [sic]. It also plans to introduce Igbo and Yoruba services, the magazine said.

In the area of information technology, the management has also installed computers in the newsrooms, and established a computer centre at the new training centre which it built at Ikorodu. This is in addition to the computer control room at the transmission hall in Ikorodu, the magazine reported.

Since the last two years, VON has been able to collaborate with RFI, Deutsche Welle, Germany, Voice of America (VOA), Radio Sudan, British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) and Radio Channel Africa of South Africa. It also signed a memoranda of understanding with the international radio stations on staff training and exchange programmes, the magazine reported.

According to the magazine, the BBC has sponsored Internet design and operations in London. VOA has trained VON engineers in digital studio design, operations and maintenance. The French embassy has donated a computer to the director-general's office.

"Within the same period, VON became the first broadcasting organization in Africa to be admitted into the Digital Radio Mondiale [DRM] consortium," Sulaiman said. He explained that the association would enhance AM audio quality, overcoming interference, fading and distortion. Taiwo Alimi, VON's director-general, was elected a member of the steering board at the general assembly in April 2001 in Las Vegas, the magazine reported.

The director-general said that about 200 staff had been trained in computer programming and use, while more than 25 others drawn from engineering, news and programme divisions have received training in Singapore, Switzerland, USA and Germany. He said that the training programmes were aided by the Commonwealth Broadcast Association (CBA), the magazine reported.

VON is also planning to open new offices in the six geopolitical zones of the country. State governments in Gombe (central-east), Enugu (southeast) and Rivers States have provided office accommodations for the VON zonal stations. The first of such offices was opened in Gombe on 9 August, the magazine said.

Source: Voice of Nigeria external service, Lagos, in English 0000 gmt 21 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

VON has quite a promotion department, but we are still waiting for decent signals on high frequencies from this station! So far there has been no sign of anything but 7255 (gh, DXLD)

Voice of Nigeria's Preview Edition of "VON Airwaves"

today I found a big envelope from Nigeria in my post. It included the Preview Edition of Voice of Nigeria's "VON Airwaves" from June 2001, a letter signed from the editor Tope Idowu, a program schedule valid from Apr 29 till Dec 29, 2001, some stickers and others.

According to the program schedule the Voice of Nigeria actually uses three frequencies directed to different parts of Africa "and overseas":

to West Africa on 7255 kHz:
0500-1000 English
1000-1400 Hausa
1400-1700 French
1700-1900 Fulfulde
1900-2300 English

to North Africa and Overseas (Europe, North America ?) on 15120 kHz:
0500-1000 English
1000-1100 Hausa
1100-1600 French
1600-1900 Arabic
1900-2300 English

to Central, East and South Africa on 11770 kHz:
0500-1000 English
1000-1100 Hausa
1100-1700 French
1700-1900 Ki-swaheli
1900-2300 English

7255 kHz has been heard regularly in the last months during local evening hours. 11770 and 15120 kHz have to confirmed. In the 70's and 80's I heard them on 15120 kHz in English, French and German with good to excellent signal. Nothing mentioned of resuming German and other services as announced in August. The program schedule also lists 9690 kHz on the cover but to which target area and what languages are used? The back side states that VON will also be available via satellite "in a short while".

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Best wishes from Wuppertal vy 55 + 73
(Manfred Reiff, Germany, Sept 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. 7100.1v, R Pakistan 0042 IS, Qur'an reading, announcement by man and back to Qur'an \\ 15485.3; mostly orating in presumed Urdu and subcontinental vocals when rechecked at various times to past 0130. Very weak and subject to constant ham CW QRM. Had

been on 7100.3 when first tuned, then gradually drifted down to 7100.1. This frequency isn't listed; wonder if it might be a link service (Bob Hill, MA, Sep 15/16, BC-DX via DXLD)

17520, 1056-1100, R Pakistan English noted at this time slot Sept 19 and not the listed 1100-1104. Also is \\ with 21460 [sic ñ listed 21465 -gh] which was about the same or slightly weaker than 17520. Female announcer with nx only and totally about the future plans of the US (Robert Montgomery, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. 1056 UT Sept 20: [Personal comments/observations are in brackets.]

R. Pakistan led its news with a series of messages and statements by prominent Pakistanis expressing strong support for President Musharraf's decision to support and assist the U.S. campaign against international terrorism. The various statements stressed the courage of the President's decision, his devotion to the Pakistani people and nation and the fact that the decision was taken after consideration of what was in the nation's best interests. There were also reports about successful attacks on Russian positions in Chechnya and Ingushetsia.

[I am not sufficiently informed about Pakistani politics and prominent figures to know if any of the many statements of support were forthcoming from any Islamic religious leaders, but I suspect not. Also, it appears that R. Pakistan has permanently shifted this 3-4 minute newscast back a few minutes from 1100, now starting at about 1056 UT. Transmission closes down at about 1101, immediately after the English language news, a few announcements or statements in presumed Urdu and the national anthem. This was monitored on 21465 today. Also, for the first time today, there did not appear to be any signal on 17520.] (John Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

I tuned in myself at 1100 to catch the English news but as John notes seems to have been moved back, 21465 very strong but with closing anthem and, as John says, nothing on 17520 (Mike Barraclough, UK, Sept 20, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** PALAU. 13590, High Adventures Ministry heard here in English Sept 14 at 1230 and later in Vietnamese. I guess this is ex-13820 (Hans Johnson, WY, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PALESTINE [non]. 9610, Voice of Palestine, Voice of the Palestine Islamic Revolution, 0328-0352+, Sep 14, noted with a tone on at 0328, and at 0330 ID in Arabic as "Sawt Falestin, Sawt-i Sawt Falistinia... al Islamia", at 0331 martial music, then at 0332 talks male announcer with news, with lot of mentions to Falestinia, Amerikia. At 0343

Arabic blessing then talks. 0345 patriotic music. 0350: Islam message. 0352 continue the announcer, all in Arabic. SINPO: 45444. All in // to 11870 with a strong signal but a bad audio (G. I. Barrera, Argentina, Sept 14, for CRW via DXLD) This one via Iran

** PARAGUAY. Amigos da lista, para aqueles que se interessam em monitorar emissoras paraguaias de ondas mÈdias, uma listagem com endereÁo e outros dados pode ser encontrada em: http://www2.paraguaygobierno.gov.py/mainauxiliar3.html (@tividade DX Sept 21 via DXLD)

** PERU. 4825, I received a full data QSL card and a personal letter in Spanish from Radio La Voz de La Selva, from Iquitos, signed by Mrs. Julia Jauregui Rengifo (Manager). Report was sent to Calle Abtao 255, Apartado 207, Iquitos - Loreto, Per˙, via registered mail. Replied after just 22 days (N˙cio Ribas, Brazil, Cumbre DX Sept 20 via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. FEBC has stopped broadcasts in Cantonese. They have changed their emphasis to Mandarin where there is a stronger response (Family Bible Hour Newsletter Aug via Johnson Sep 14, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. Some time ago I received VOA on strange 12150. And now I have a QSL confirming that fact! I`m sure it was a combinational product of 11930 Lao and 12040 Chinese (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, Signal Sept 15 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. The Voice of Russia is running an Internet-based poll titled THE AMERICAN TRAGEDY - WHAT DO YOU THINK? at: http://www.vor.ru/Amerter/Anketater_eng.html (Sergei Sosedkin, IL, Sept 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Radio to broadcast 24 hours from 23 September | Text of report in English by Saudi news agency SPA web site

Riyadh, 19 September: The radio station of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia completed its programming and technical preparations to make transmission of its General Programme continue around the clock. This was conveyed to Saudi Press Agency by Minister of Information Dr Fu'ad Bin-Abd-al-Salam al-Farisi who said this came in line with directives of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin-Abd-al-Aziz, the Crown Prince and Second Deputy Premier to various organs of the Saudi mass media to carry out their noble duties and to keep pace with changing times. The minister said this also came to coincide with the anniversary of the national day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 23 September 2001. The duration of the transmission of the General Programme of the Saudi radio was only 18 hours a day.

[According to BBC Monitoring records, Saudi radio's General Programme is currently on the air from 0300-1500 and from 1700-2300 gmt. Between 1500 and 1700 gmt the General Programme frequencies carry the Call of Islam programme.] Source: SPA news agency web site, Riyadh, in English 1825 gmt 19 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.91, Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation 1029 Sept 14 political commercial for presidential candidate, religious program, giving address in Honiara at end, ID "Radio Hapi Isles, the voice of the nation" @ 1046 (Ralph Brandi, NJ, Cumbre DX via DXLD) They have been relaying BBC some days, heard during the 1200 and 1300 hours. Other days just open carrier (Hans Johnson, WY, ibid.)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Subject: Special Event Station: "The Hell"
From: Andrew Roos andrew@exinet.co.za
Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.dx, rec.radio.amateur, rec.ham-radio, alt.ham-radio, alt.ham-radio.hf, alt.ham-radio.morse
Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2001 10:56:47 +0200

South African radio amateurs will be operating a special event station with the callsign ZS1HELL from "Die Hell" from 16h00 UT on Friday 21 September until 9h00 UT on Monday 24 September.

Die Hell ("The Hell") is an extremely remote valley in the Swartberg mountains near Oudtshoorn. For many years it was thought to be uninhabited until about a hundred years ago when a completely self-contained and isolated population was discovered living in the valley. They remained cut off from the rest of the country until a road was built in 1960, but many areas remain accessible only on foot or by 4x4.

The special event station will issue a special QSL card to all contacts. The following frequencies will be used:

CW Phone
160m 1.834 1.834
80m 3.520 3.674
40m 7.020 7.080
20m 14.020 14.180
15m 21.020 21.280
10m 28.020 28.480

Two of the twelve operators are new amateurs so there will also be opportunities to work the station at slow morse speeds in the region of 10-15 w.p.m. Hoping to work you from "Hell" Andrew ZS1AN

Please NB that my reply email has been altered to prevent spam. The correct email address is my callsign at qsl.net.
(via John Norfolk, OCKOK, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. I have heard a station on 6985 kHz both in the morning around 0400 (Sep 17th) and in the evening around 1600 UT (Sep 19th) with similar programming = male talk and "African Horn"-music. Most probably is it the Voice of Freedom and Renewal, because the language was Arabic and they ID-et like: "Saw't il..." They often play a well known poptune as a kind of interval song - according to my son it's evidently "Axel F". Fair reception and lots of RTTY and CWQRM. 73 from (Bj^rn Fransson on the island of Gotland in the Baltic Sea of Sweden, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sudanese clandestine station: 6985.0 kHz
I listened to this Sudanese clandestine station several times now with the following result: s/on time on exactly 6985.0 kHz is around 15-10 minutes before 0330 UT. They are starting with local style music and because as it seems they are using the same songs each morning I suspect it is meant as a help for listeners to tune in the right frequency before the real start of the program. At 0330 the information program is started with trumpets, followed by some announcements and spots about Sudan. At 0335 a news bulletin, followed by more items about Sudan. Their signal here is quite strong and since they have their offices in Asmara I suspect that this transmitter might be one of the units formerly used by Voice of Sudan. If the station on 6985 really is Voice of Freedom & Renewal (did not manage to decipher their ID because of quite bad audio) they obviously have a new transmitter, because formerly it was a very rare catch. But now it is a daily one like former Voice of Sudan. f/out time here is around 0415, so I missed their s/off time supposed to be 0430 (Harald Kuhl, Germany, Sep 11, in DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 7245, R. Tajikistan, Sept 17 1645 with news in English then Tajik music. Signal 44444 or S9+10 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [and non]. Re 5950, WWDXC Topnews site, I was all the more surprised to find the discussion about my CumbreDX log and the issue of Tibetan there. As to my log on 5950, it also occurred to me that it was indeed RTI via WYFR that I was hearing. So that was probably wrong.

As to the language issue: even though there are many more, one can say that there are three "main dialects" of Tibetan spoken in Tibet. It's the Lhasa dialect, spoken in the capital and Central Tibet (the provinces called U and Tsang - that's the part the Chinese call the

"Autonomous Region") and the one most widely understood in the rest of the country. Then there is the Kham dialect and the Amdo dialect. These are the eastern and north-eastern parts of the country respectively (which these days belong to Quinghai, Sezhuan [sic] and even Yunnan provinces depending on how far east or south-east they extend). Both dialects differ considerably from the Lhasa dialect.

I'm reasonably fluent in all three; that's why I'm so confident that I haven't heard Tibetan from Chinese stations for a while. The great majority of Chinese (in occupied Tibet) don't speak any Tibetan at all and the speakers that I did occasionally hear on air were definitely Tibetans, employed by the station. Having taught English to Tibetan refugees in Kathmandu/Nepal for a number of years, and still going there regularly, I have quite a lot of contacts there. Some of them also tell me that they don't hear Tibetan from Lhasa. I'm not too sure as to what we hear either.

The Chinese have a myriad of languages and dialects. When it comes to Tibetan, however, the one and only dialect ever used is/was the Lhasa dialect. AIR does so, the VOA does so, RFA does it and VOT as well - as did the Chinese in the past. It's unlikely in the extreme that they should have turned to an obscure dialect that only a small percentage of the Tibetan population understands.

First; it would rob them of the possibility of censoring what's being said (because they understand such dialects even less than the Lhasa one), second; it would be wasted on the majority of listeners anyway as they wouldn't get much either... Hope this sheds some light ;-) (Thomas Roth, Germany, DL1CQ, Sept 20, BC-DX via DXLD))

Thanks to Mr Roth for the interesting discussion on the Tibetan language. I have e-mailed Tibet TBS and hopefully they can shed light on what are the languages that they are using. As Mr Roth has pointed out, 5950 is probably not Tibet. Chinese DXer Qiao Xiaoli has posted my question regarding 5950 on a Chinese SWL forum. It brought a response that Heilongjiang is also using 5950 and indeed a check with PWBR would show that Heilongjiang PBS broadcast in Mandarin at 0400 UT. A call was then made for Chinese DXers in northern and western China to monitor 5950 at 0400. Responses from DXers in Jiangsu and Gansu brought negative results, so it probably RTI after all. 73 (Richard Lam, Singapore, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TUNISIA. Some harmonics with calcio (soccer):
14450 1610 R. DIFFUSION TUNISIENNE - SFAX A // 630 7225 x 2 35543
24010 1610 R. DIFFUSION TUNISIENNE - SFAX A // 630 12005 x 2 25432
(Roberto Scaglione, BCL Sicilia Club Sept 21 via hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** U A E. 21605, UAE Radio Dubai Sept 16 1602-1635 English. "Zionism Unmasked - A History of International Zionism" program with male and female announcers. Discussed the coexistence of the Muslim and Jewish people prior to the rise of Zionism. 1617 Slow easy listening music. 1630 "It`s 8:30" by woman followed by news, then weather "from Dubai FM" (high 106 F, low 80 F). 1634 End of English service announcements by woman, and signal abruptly disappeared. No brief switch to Arabic as in my August report. Very good signal on 21605 (SINPO 44444). The hum is still there, but much less objectionable. 15395 parallel noted (barely) but not useable (Jim Evans, TN, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

0330 UT Sept 20: This is a report of today's newscast from UAE Radio Dubai: U.S. has rejected offer of talks from Taliban. Movements of vessels in the Persian Gulf may indicate preparations for an attack on Afghanistan. Saudi Government has announced support for U.S. effort against terrorism but Saudi Foreign Ministry said campaign should be carefully developed and focused on justice, not vengeance. Israeli-Palestinian cease fire appears to be holding and there are rumors that a meeting between officials from the two sides could take place as early as "tonight", but there's been no confirmation of this. Monitored on 13675 kHz. (--John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

0330 UT Sept 21: The news on UAE Radio Dubai (actually a relay of the news from the Dubai FM commercial service) opened tonight with a report on Bush's speech to the joint session of Congress, including the U.S. ultimatum to Afghanistan. Powell says US will pursue bin Laden around the world; did not rule out a trial outside the U.S. Airline job cuts have spread to Europe...British Airways cuts 7000 jobs and 10% of its flights. U.S. gov't. is attempting to put together a rescue package for its ailing air travel industry. NYC Mayor Guiliani says 6333 missing, 241 dead confirmed. Pentagon toll: 188 missing, 44 confirmed dead. Monitored on 13675 kHz. (--John A. Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

** U K. BBC expands Arabic, Pashto, Persian and Urdu services | Text of press release from BBC World Service on 20 September

BBC World Service expands mediumwave transmissions and key broadcasts serving Afghanistan and the surrounding region

BBC World Service is reinforcing its mediumwave transmissions, with an additional frequency serving a large part of the region surrounding and including Afghanistan, it was announced today (Thursday 20 September).

The BBC World Service has also boosted shortwave transmissions to the region and expanded output in Arabic, Pashto, Persian and Urdu - the

key languages of the region, in response to the escalating tension in the area following the US attacks last week.

News and current affairs content in the usually mixed schedules of each language service has been boosted. The Arabic service is running a continuous 24-hour rolling news and current affairs format.

BBC World Service Director Mark Byford says: "For the region, the BBC World Service is a vital lifeline. Audiences, literally, depend on the BBC for impartial, accurate, trustworthy news and information. In Afghanistan, with no television and no national newspaper, BBC radio is a main form of communication.

"Our expansion is a prime example of the BBC World Service responding to audience need and moving resources quickly to where it is needed most. Shortwave savings, made by responding to audience migration to FM and the Internet in the most developed broadcasting markets of the world, are being moved to less developed regions where access to accurate information is limited but a matter of crucial importance."

The new mediumwave frequency 1314 kHz covers Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan and UAE during different times of the day, as well as large parts of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. This supplements mediumwave broadcasts on 1413 kHz in the region.

The Arabic service has increased its broadcasts to become a 24-hour service, providing news bulletins throughout the night, and adding other long-form current affairs and analysis programmes.

The Pashto service has increased its broadcasts from 11.75 to 18.75 hours per week. The Persian service has increased its broadcasts from 28.25 to 37 hours per week. The Urdu service has increased its broadcasts from 11.5 to 13.25 hours per week. Further increases in Persian and Urdu are planned.

The Persian and Pashto services have added an extra lunchtime news programme to supplement the usual breakfast and flagship evening news programmes. Survey work before the crisis indicates that some 72 per cent of Pashto language speakers and some 62 per cent of Persian speakers in Afghanistan listen daily to the BBC World Service. The Urdu language service, with an audience of more than 15 million in Pakistan, has changed its usual mixed programming schedule to rolling news and current affairs.

All three languages are increasing their on-line service, which includes access to audio broadcasts, for locals and nationals living elsewhere around the globe. BBCArabic.com already contains extensive,

interactive news services available and updated 24 hours a day.

"We've had an unprecedented response to our services in the past week," says Mark Byford. "In the aftermath of the attack, our public radio partners in the United States (and elsewhere around the globe) took direct feeds of our broadcasts in high quality FM sound, many on a rolling basis, including stations in New York, Washington, Boston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Two Talking Point programmes on Wednesday (12 September) and Sunday (16 September) - an international phone-in and e-mail programme - attracted over 30,000 e-mails - many of them from America.

"In the 24 hours after the attack, provisional figures show the BBC World News on-line site increased traffic to our text and audio nine-fold. Our Spanish site increased traffic 10-fold and Arabic site six-fold," he says.

For further information: BBC World Service Press Office, Tel: 020 7557 2941
Source: BBC World Service press release, London, in English 20 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

1314 would be Abu Dhabi, previously found wanting in coverage by IBB; 1413 is Muscat/Oman, of course (gh) No doubt the not further specified 1314 outlet is Gavar/Armenia, as far as I know 1000 kW through a high gain Bolshaya Zarya antenna (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST) BBCWS via Abu Dhabi 1314 kHz (Dave Kenny, BBCM via BDXC-UK, DXLD)

[And, exactly same remark as regarding VOA expansion below -gh]

BBC self-promotion:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/south_asia/newsid_1555000/1555030.stm
The link brings you to a BBC Online article about how Afghans are increasingly hungry for BBC News. (Ricky Leong, QU, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

To be fair to the BBC, they have been doing a lot of good work in Afghanistan. My colleague Eric Beauchemin wrote an article and made a radio feature about their activities. You'll find it at
http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/afghanistan000103.html
(Andy Sennitt, RN, swprograms via DXLD)

** U K. Ladies & Gentlemen of Outlook:

I am writing to let you know that this particular long-time listener to your program has become more and more disappointed with the

contents of Outlook. I do believe that you have fundamentally changed the approach and attitude that characterized the program when I began listening to it on a regular (usually daily) basis some years ago.

It might have been that this change became more pronounced when the program length went up to 40 minutes, but it certainly has been extreme in recent months, and this past week was enough that I have just quit listening when you announced the week's topics and I heard the first one and parts of others.

I look to Outlook to provide a relief from the BBC's flood of news, something with a range of topics and subjects not suitable for inclusion in the range of arts and sciences and other feature programs already on the BBC. I especially liked it as a source of amusement and entertainment. It was something like an entire show devoted only to the enjoyable and interesting "light" news items that used to be regularly found at the end of "Newshour", but which are mostly lacking now. It was something that was worth listening through the entire program in order to get the pleasure of hearing this or that segment which delighted or interested or entranced me.

No longer. You have made Outlook into a "social issues" program that wastes almost all of its airtime on whatever political cause or ideological viewpoint that the staff seems to want to push on the listenership. In this past week, with all the tragedy and constant news coverage, Outlook could have been a relief from that topic, a source of pleasure and lightness amongst the misery. Instead you dive into it and dwell on that topic above all others.

It's not surprising, considering the time you previously wasted on topics like racism, that you did this, but it is so very disappointing. I really wish that you could return to the type of content you carried years ago, and let the staff who so seem to want to be serious and emotional journalists migrate to other parts of the BBC, leaving Outlook to those who have a lighter-hearted "outlook" on life.

A radio magazine program has a fundamental difference from a print magazine, in that I can pick up a print magazine and leaf through it, ignoring or skipping that which I dislike, and concentrating on the items I want to read or see. Listeners cannot do that with a radio program; we have to put up with what you air in the order you pick to air it in order to get to what we want. It has become more and more irritating to do that with Outlook during the past months, as the gems amongst the dross became fewer and fewer, and now it seems that it just isn't worth the effort.

Can you change back? Will you change back? Or must I write off this

part of the BBC schedule too, the way BBC management wrote off the BBC's shortwave listeners in the Americas a few months ago?

(William Martin, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA, Sept 21, to BBCWS, copy to DXLD)

** U K. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).
This coming weekend various buildings in/around London which are normally closed to the general public are going to be open for tours of the architecturally interesting bits ... including BBC Broadcasting House and Bush House. More info from
http://www.bbc.co.uk/londonlive/entertainment/made_in_london/openhouse_2001.shtml
and http://www.londonopenhouse.org/
(Mark Hattam, BDXC-UK Sept 21 via DXLD) Previously publicized here

** U K. Re DXLD-130, what is ``quangos``?

Quasi - Autonomous Non - Governmental OrganisationS. It means not government but not private, so somewhere in between. In practice govt. appoints them and influences what they do but takes no responsibility if anything goes wrong! (Donald J. C. Cameron, member of WDXC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Quangos are Quasi Autonomous Non Governmental Organisations - essentially public bodies whose members are appointed not elected. Britain is run by them. Members should be chosen for their expertise, but popular myth suggests that membership is a sinecure in return for favours to politicians. It is of course entirely coincidental that Dyke and Davies, both large donors of money to the Labour party, have been appointed to highly paid posts at the BBC. Your pro-BBC readership should perhaps consider whether anything they hear on the BBC is free from political bias (Nicholas Mead, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A quango is a quasi-autonomous national government (or non-governmental) organisation. Any of numerous government-sponsored agencies or authorities with independent powers. I couldn`t remember exactly what the letters QUANGO stood for but the above is the dictionary definition.

And re pronunciation of ``Pentagon``:

If you are able to listen to BBC Radio 4 tonight at 2030 UT by chance there is a programme called 'Routes of English' which might provide some insight into pronunciation. This programme concerns the Caribbean. Pronunciation of your own surname is open to interpretation, and the correct way would not be known if I had not

heard you say it! And look at the difficulty you have had with Noel! (NoÎl Green, UK, Sept 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Gavyn Davies appointed new BBC Chairman | Text of press release from the BBC on 19 September

The government today announced that Gavyn Davies has been appointed as BBC Chairman for five years from 1 October, following the resignation of Sir Christopher Bland to become Chairman of BT. Gavyn Davies has been Vice-Chairman of the BBC since January 2001. He has resigned as Vice-Chairman and the government will now start the process of appointing his successor.

Gavyn Davies said: "It is without doubt the greatest thrill and privilege of my professional life to have emerged from an open public appointment process as the next Chairman of the BBC. It is a privilege to succeed Sir Christopher Bland, given his formidable track record, and in light of the challenges facing the BBC over the second half of this Charter.

"The BBC is a magnificent and precious organization. It occupies a central place in the life of our nation because of what it stands for - independence, impartiality, journalistic freedom, creativity, quality and public service. As the broadcasting marketplace evolves in the next five years, these are the attributes that will ensure a thriving future for the BBC.

"I am inheriting a Board of the highest calibre and an organization which exudes creativity and commitment at every turn. The BBC`s independence from political and commercial pressures is fundamental to its credibility. I am fully committed, as are the rest of the Board and the Director-General, to ensuring that this independence remains unassailable."

Welcoming the appointment, Sir Christopher Bland said: "Gavyn is an extremely talented and intelligent man, who not only understands the importance of public service broadcasting but is also passionate about the BBC.

"His appointment is significant because he is the first BBC Chairman to be selected under the open process of Nolan rules by an independent panel and not politicians. He was recommended unanimously by the panel to the Prime Minister and appointed by the Queen in Council.

"The organization is lucky to have Gavyn as Chairman. I wish him and the BBC well for the future.

"Five and a half years as Chairman of the BBC has been a great privilege. I have met and worked with hundreds of talented people who make wonderful programmes and I leave the BBC with a mixture of sadness and great affection," said Sir Christopher.

Director-General Greg Dyke said: "Gavyn Davies has already made a strong impact on the BBC since becoming Vice-Chairman. His grasp of the challenges facing the BBC and his insight into how to respond to them, mean he is highly respected by Governors and senior management alike. He will continue to be a powerful champion of the public interest and of the BBC`s independence."

"Everyone agrees that Sir Christopher Bland has been an outstanding Chairman. I have learnt a lot from him over many years and I wish him well at BT."

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** U K [non]. Radio Ezra New Series: Dear Friends in DX-ing, Please could you make known to your various members and colleagues that Radio Ezra will be returning to the air on Sunday 7th October 2001 for a weekly half hour series of programmes aimed primarily at the Pacific for three months.

Frequency will be 12110 kHz and the times are 0900-0930 UT each Sunday. The transmitter is sited in Russia.

I would be very grateful for any reception reports and shall respond with the station QSL card. Please enclose either $1 or International Reply Coupon to cover return postage. Details about Radio Ezra's studio, equipment, transmitter details and general station information can be found at the Radio Ezra homepage.

Many thanks and God's blessing, John D. Hill
Water Into Wine Ministry PUTTING SANITY BACK INTO CHRISTIANITY
Ministry Homepage: http://www.water-into-wine.com
Radio Ezra Homepage: http://radioezra.members.easyspace.com
Fax: +44 1642 887546 (via DXLD)
We already ran an item about this some weeks ago, with much greater detail (gh)

** U S A. WTC Update From Jack Amelar: Information from the SBE102 list (Society of Broadcast Engineers) [DATE? -gh]

This was forwarded to me by our VP of Engineering and Operations. I don't know who the author is, but it provides details on the personal impact upon the NYC broadcast community:

It's hard to even know where to begin as I write this early Thursday morning. There are a few bits of good news to pass along on New York's broadcast scene: We heard from Clear Channel's John Lyons and Jeff Littlejohn, letting us know that all of Clear Channel/New York's employees are accounted for, including WKTU engineer Joe Maguire, who was at the station's Jersey City studios on Tuesday when the World Trade Center was destroyed. WKTU is, as we suspected, using Clear Channel's new auxiliary facility at Four Times Square until further notice. Also safe is WWOR engineer John Neuhaus, who was not at the WWOR transmitter when the building was hit.

The news, unfortunately, is much more grim for the rest of the engineers who were manning the transmitters on the 109th and 110th floors of One World Trade Center. WCBS-TV (Channel 2) reports two engineers missing; one, we're told, is former WHDH (Boston) engineer Bob Pattison, the other is IsaÌas Rivera. An unidentified WNBC (Channel 4) engineer was talking to the station's master control after the attack when the line went dead; he, too, is missing. Broadcasting & Cable reports one WPIX (Channel 11) engineer is also unaccounted for, and we're told WNET (Channel 13) engineer Rod Coppola was on the 110th floor Tuesday morning and also remains missing.

In addition, AllAccess reports former WAXQ (104.3) jock Darian O'Toole, who also worked in San Francisco recently, is among the dead at the World Trade Center.

A status update on the stations that used the World Trade Center tower:

WCBS-TV (2) - remains on the air from its Empire State Building auxiliary transmitter, though we hear that site was off the air for almost half an hour Tuesday afternoon.

WNBC (4) - has been reported back with a low-power signal, though we're not sure from where. WNBC's signal is also being seen at times on Long Island public broadcaster WLIW (Channel 21) and on New Jersey ethnic broadcaster WMBC-TV (Channel 63).

WNYW-TV (Fox 5) - also being seen via WMBC-TV.

WABC-TV (7) - continues to be simulcast on WNYE-TV (Channel 25) and WHSE (Channel 68) from Empire, as well as on the New Jersey Network's transmitters statewide. WABC is the only network affiliate

in New York that's providing information on its Web site about where to find its signal; we find it odd that the others aren't conveying this important information.

WWOR (UPN 9) - on cable and satellite only.

WPIX-TV (WB 11) - has been reported on the air with a weak signal; again, we're not sure from where. WPIX's Web site is letting cable operators know where to find the station's satellite signal, which was restored sometime Tuesday and is being offered in the clear.

WNET (PBS 13) - on cable only; we'd expect that once the initial crisis passes, WNET and new sister station WLIW will find some way to combine their broadcast offerings on WLIW's signal until channel 13 can restore its own signal.

WPXN (Pax 31) - on cable only, relaying NBC's coverage for the most part.

WNJU (Telemundo 47) - apparently on cable only.

WKCR (89.9) - Silent, and staying that way for now, according to the station Web site.

WPAT-FM (93.1) - Still silent, but offering programming in conjunction with sister station WSKQ (97.9) and on the Web. We've heard unconfirmed reports that WPAT-FM is, or will soon be, back via a backup transmitter at Empire.

WNYC-FM (93.9) - Silent and expecting to stay that way for a while, but offering programming over the New York City Board of Education's WNYE-FM (91.5), thanks to an emergency resolution by the board and schools chancellor Harold Levy. WNYC's AM sister at 820 has also been affected by the state of emergency, since the stations' studios at the Municipal Building have been evacuated since Tuesday. WNYC's programming is originating from NPR's midtown studios for now.

(Pacifica's WBAI 99.5 has been running dead carrier for the same reason; its staffers can't reach the station's Wall Street studios.)

WKTU (103.5) - Continuing to use the Clear Channel auxiliary facility at Four Times Square.

One more note: Up in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Shop at Home's WSAH (Channel 43) has been running just a sympathy slide since 10:30 Tuesday morning. WSAH chief engineer Ron Barnes, in a posting to the New York Radio Message Board, is offering the station's facilities to broadcasters in need.

Interesting that the national media has ignored this aspect of the destruction of the WTC towers -- I guess the studio personnel don't think of the towers that are necessary to broadcast the signals they create.... or the people that keep the signals on the air (via MARE Newsletter Sept 21 via DXLD)

Here is a summary of where NYC TV stations will be relocating:

Empire State Building: WCBS 2*, WNYW 5*, WWOR 9
Alpine NJ: WNBC 4*, WABC 7*, WPIX 11*, WNET 13*
TBA: WPXN 31, WNJU 47
*On the air already.
Also, Channel 5 WNYW is now on with a fair signal, new in the last 24 hours (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, NYC, Sept 20, WTFDA via DXLD)

Read a report today somewhere - I forget where - that WPIX-11 is going to be allowed to re-establish its translator on channel 64. Isn't that the same channel used by the translator they had to fill in the shadow while the WTC was being built in the first place? No word about any other temporary translators.

It is also reported that WNYW-5 will be closing down their DTV operation (ch. 44) on the ESB so they can use the space (both on the antenna mast and in the transmitter room) for their analog operation.

Finally, I also saw a report today that stations whose NTSC channel is above 59, and DTV channel is below 60, will be allowed to move their NTSC operation to their *DTV* channel. They would then be expected to give up their >59 channel. (when they're ready to go DTV their NTSC operation would be shut down - there would be no analog/ digital simulcast) The idea is to clear channels 60-69 faster for land mobile. This could make for some very interesting changes on the dial... (-- Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View (Nashville), TN, Sept 20, WTFDA via DXLD)

According to a sign put up by my co-op apartment corporation, based on info from their master antenna maintainer, WCBS-TV (2), WNYW (5) and WWOR (9) are on the Empire State Bldg.

WNBC (4), WABC-TV (7), WPIX (11) and WNET (13) are in New Jersey --- I'm not sure if they are all at the Armstrong tower near the west end of the George Washington Bridge.

I think 9 may have moved after it came back on as it became much stronger after a while. 13 isn't really usable for me and 25 relays 13 in prime time.

11 had a relay on 64 but it didn't the last time I checked.
(Joel Rubin, Queens, Sept 21 2103 UT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. This is a very well designed site. Click on The WTC Memorial http://www.thewtcmemorial.com (Tom McNiff, Burke, Virginia, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD TRADE CENTER AMATEUR RADIO VOLUNTEERS BEARING UP WELL

New York Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service volunteers generally are in good spirits, but tired, says New York City-Long Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D. "The mood is positive," he said, more than a week into the grim reality of the World Trade Center attack response. "Overall, it's going very, very well. Everybody's settling into the routine of the operation."

Two dozen or more hams per shift are covering communications and logistical support for the American Red Cross as well as supplementing communication for the New York City Office of Emergency Management. "It's a great effort every day, 24/7, and it's expanding as we get more requests." A single, multi-purpose ARES/RACES net is being maintained on the 147.000 MHz repeater in Manhattan. New York City District Emergency Coordinator and RACES Radio Officer Charles Hargrove, N2NOV, is serving as the incident commander.

At this point, Carrubba said, the need for volunteers is being largely covered by amateurs from the Greater New York City Area--which includes New York City and Long Island, Eastern New York, Connecticut and Northern New Jersey. Hams have volunteered from all over, however, including at least eight Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club members from from Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley.

Hams are deployed to 13 American Red Cross shelters, two OEM sites, several staging areas, and Red Cross headquarters, and as net controls. At any given time, up to a half dozen amateurs are posted just outside the secure perimeter of the so-called "Ground Zero" World Trade Center site, where Carrubba described conditions as "terrible." Volunteers there have been asked to provide respirators and other protective clothing. Shifts at all locations are 12 hours long.

Carrubba explained that Amateur Radio volunteers are being rotated in and out of areas and duties in an effort to equalize the stress. "The first 30 or 40 hours everybody does 'the iron man act,' I call it, because they're running on adrenaline," he said. After that, everyone gets some rest and unwinds a little bit. "The people that are going back are fresh," he said.

Since September 11, more than 350 hams have volunteered in excess of 5000 work hours.

Carrubba anticipates the Amateur Radio support operations to continue for some time to come, since the normal telecommunications systems remain disrupted or problematic. "The communications in the shelter are being used like telephones," he said. Telephone service is available, but it can take 15 or 20 tries to get a call through. Carrubba said net traffic has been substantial, although there are occasional lulls.

Many more volunteers will be needed before the ARES and RACES operation stands down "Right now our task is a long-term effort, Carrubba said. "The schedule is being filled in on a day-by-day basis." To date, more than 200 individuals have signed up via the World Trade Center Disaster Relief Communications Web site, http://wtc.ab2m.net

Carrubba expects that Amateur Radio assistance might be needed at least another week and possibly longer. "As long as there's a need for communications, we will be there," he said.

In the meantime, REACT International is seeking additional Amateur Radio and licensed GMRS users, primarily to support the Salvation Army's relief efforts in New York. "We still need volunteers," said REACT International Secretary Lee Besing, N5NTG, who added that some shifts on Wednesday went unfilled. "They're burning out and having to return to their jobs," he said. REACT is now running 20 volunteers per shift. Volunteers should visit the REACT International Web site, http://www.reactintl.org/tragedy_09112001.htm or contact Charles Bessels, NYCHelp@reactintl.org

==>PENTAGON ARES TEAM STANDS DOWN

The team managed by Virginia Amateur Radio Emergency Service to support the Salvation Army's disaster relief operation at the Pentagon stood down this week. Virginia Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Gregory, N4NW, thanked all who volunteered and turned out to assist following the September 11 terrorist attack.

"With the changes in security, increased shift times and, most of all, the ability of the Salvation Army to [now] manage their support operations via telephone, the need for Amateur Radio has ended," Gregory said. "The support provided here in Virginia, by the hams in New York --- where operations continue --- and in Pennsylvania clearly demonstrates the resolve and commitment by so many hams to meet the needs of our fellow Americans at this time of great

tragedy."

The ARES operation --- with Tom Harmon, AK1E, as incident commander --- provided logistical support between the Salvation Army's relief and recovery effort on site and the agency's Arlington headquarters. The Salvation Army has been providing food and refreshments to the crews engaged in the Pentagon investigation and recovery operations. Gregory said many of the more than 100 volunteers who reported for duty between September 11 and September 18 gave up time with their families and their jobs. In a few cases, he said, he even wrote letters to employers requesting that volunteers be allowed time off to work the incident.

"Amateur Radio performed exactly as it was supposed to," Gregory said. "We responded to the need to provide communications where none were available." He said the Virginia ARES organization stands ready to jump in again "at a moment's notice" if the need arises.

Another amateur team consisting of Mt Vernon Amateur Radio Club and Arlington County Amateur Radio Club members was providing communication and technical support to the American Red Cross relief effort at the Pentagon site. Arlington County ARES Emergency Coordinator Alan Bosch, KO4ALA, said his team was running shifts from 8 AM through 1 AM each day, and he expected the operation to continue at least through week's end.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, visited members of the Pentagon ARES team on Monday, September 17. Gregory said he appreciated Haynie's encouragement at a difficult time. Haynie was accompanied by ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, and ARRL Virginia Section Manager Carl Clements, W4CAC. (ARRL Letter Sept 21 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

ATTACK ON AMERICA: HOW TO FIND TERRORISTS AND SPIES ON THE AIR PART 1

Shortly after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth asked radio amateurs to keep their ears open and report any suspicious or clandestine communications to him. But many hams probably do not know what to listen for. An expert in this area is Chicago area ham Joe Schroeder, W9JUV. We asked Joe to give us an inkling of what we all should be listening for:
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In-Q: Anytime you run across... Out-Q: ...in English if they do.
-- [actuality not transcribed ñgh]

Joe Schroeder has a lot more to monitoring for terrorist

communications than we can possibly cover in our newscast, but you can hear it. Part one of our two part interview with W9JUV is on the web right now in Real Audio at http://www.rainreport.com. It's also available on the phone at 847-827-7246. That`s 847 - 827 - RAIN.

One last item. If you do happen across something that needs to be reported, you will need to know where to take your information. Those who have been watching TV or reading newspapers already know that a Federal Bureau of Investigation task force is assigned to head up the domestic aspect of the investigation. It has also requested all media outlets let the public know that it would like any leads reported directly to it. To accomplish this, the FBI has set up a toll free number area code 866-483-5137. Again, that's area code 866-483-5137. Information can also be sent via a special website at http://www.ifccfbi.gov. The FCC's Hollingsworth can be contacted by e-mail to fccham@fcc.gov. All these addresses and other resources are at the very top of our web page at http://www.arnewsline.org (ARNewsline(tm) via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A. You have been sent this message from a user as a courtesy of the Washington Post http://www.washingtonpost.com

Recent Air Patrols Frighten Some, Fascinate Others, By Marc Fisher

You hear them all night, swooshing and droning across the night sky. You can see some of them, their lights darting beneath the stars... To view the entire article, go to http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A59612-2001Sep19.html (via Tom McNiff, who finds the sound of the Air Force very comforting, DXLD) Deals with scannists, quotes Larry Van Horn, MT

** U S A. WAAR, American Anti-Terrorist Radio 26500/AM 9-16 1735+ SIO 131 Interesting patriotic program with tunes like "This Land is Your Land", "New York New York", "Fight The Good Fight" and "We're Not Going To Take It". Computer generated voice IDs. Very heavy fading but they had a live MP3 stream i recorded. Listen here: http://piratestuff.topcities.com/waar_09-16-01.htm (PLS QSL: Alex Draper, Orillia, ON, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD)

** U S A. After the Horror, Radio Stations Pull Some Songs

By NEIL STRAUSS

Clear Channel Communications, the Texas-based company that owns about 1,170 radio stations nationwide, has circulated a list of 150 songs and asked its stations to avoid playing them because of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Some listed songs would be insensitive to play right now, such as the Gap Band's "You Dropped a Bomb on Me" and Soundgarden's "Blow Up the Outside World," but other choices, critics and musicians say, are less explicable because they have little literal connection to the tragedies.... Full article:
http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/19/arts/music/19POPL.html?ex=1001930343&ei=1&en=6c313fd85a1f7455
(via Bill Westenhaver, QC, DXLD, who adds that even the LA Times has editorialized against CC; might want to look that one up)

Regarding the ridiculously long list of songs banned by that great arbiter of good taste and high culture, Clear Channel....chalk up another argument against further consolidation of the radio industry (John A. Figliozzi, NY, Sept 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Clear Channel's list of banned songs is a hoax. Go to http://www.snopes2.com/inboxer/hoaxes/radio.htm 73 (Mike Brooker Toronto, ON, NRC-AM via DXLD) Not exactly... (gh)

[non] In the RFPI Mailbag slot Fri 2000-2030+ James & Debra Latham editorialize the Peace viewpoint on this situation, and play some of the ``banned`` music: Imagine, Here Comes the Sun... Repeated UT Sat 0200, 0800, 1400, perhaps Sat 1830, Sun 0030, 0630, 1230 (gh, DXLD)

** U S A.. It's doubtful that military action will bring a resolution to terrorism. Still, our government has an obligation to protect its citizens, from attack. So I guess this is a national security issue.
   I believe the word "war" is used in order placate the public, who is blood thirsty for revenge. The truth is, there can be no war if there is no opposing side. We do not have a target, because they are spread over many nations, including our own. They do not posses a well trained army, airforce, or any other gear we can smash up. What they do possess is fundamentalist ideology which will induce a person to board a plane and take his own life by flying it into a building. How do you conquer that with guns and bombs? If anything, you will only strengthen their resolve.
   The Israelis have been participating in this never ending cycle for decades. They have a well equipped army which routinely faces off against stone throwing boys. That is their enemy! They disperse the crowd with tear gas or rubber bullets, and the opposition hits back with a car bombing. Where there is an uneven share of power, there is never any resolution to the conflict. The same is true in N Ireland. So this is the situation in which we find ourselves.
  What is the way out? I believe it is important to first understand the political history of Afghanistan, and the effect that western influence has had in that region.
  There is no doubt that the influence of the west has been a major factor in the formation of the current situation in Afghanistan, and

indeed, all of the Mid-East. This influence is very complex, and almost always destructive.

Technologies develop according to the degree to which a culture promotes the freedom and rights of the INDIVIDUAL. The reason for this is, that the creative process requires an environment which nurtures the notion of free thought, or at least doesn't attempt to stamp it out. With a low degree of freedom, any sort of evolution of technology is virtually impossible. In highly evolved cultures, such as democracies, technology develops quickly. All of history shows this to be true. In places where people are savage and abuse their fellow man, both technology and human culture will actually regress. Such is the case now in Afghanistan.

Since this is the case, the Taliban rely on outside sources for their weaponry. They are not able to develop these things for themselves. One can imagine if completely left alone, they would eventually end up fighting in the desert on horses with swords, after all the ammunition and fuel was spent. That level of technology is, I guess, is appropriate for their lack of compassion, and disregard for human rights. To arm them with powerful weapons will amplify their ability to do harm. To intentionally train and arm them, in an attempt to influence the outcome of a political situation, as did the CIA during the Afghan/USSR war, is irresponsible and unethical.

The situation we are seeing today with the Taliban is partially the responsibility of past actions by the US and Russia. George Bush said this will be the first war of the 21st century, but it is probably more accurate to say this is one of the last conflicts of the 20th century (-David Hodgson, TN, Sept 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Hi Glenn, after a week of condolence and consciousness: Some RIGHT WING stuff ... there are different views on other continents of the world. And nobody speaks of the oil and gas resources in Kuwait, Alaska, Central Asia, Azerbaijan. US firms like to set up a pipeline of Oil and Gas from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan through Afghanistan, Pakistan to the Indian Ocean port too ... and the Pakistanis will fall as NEXT domino into the FUNDAMENTALIST Muslim country chain ... 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, Sept 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

William Safire: The VOA is too even-handed to Afghanistan; we need RFE/RL http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/20/opinion/20SAFI.html

Equal Time for Hitler?

WASHINGTON -- The primary source of information for the average Afghan is the radio, often a transistor made 30 years ago. The 20 transmitting towers of the Taliban's Radio Shariat (meaning "Islamic law") are spewing out hatred of America all the time. Why is there no Radio Free Afghanistan broadcasting the truth about the consequences

of harboring the headquarters of terrorism? [...] Which U.S. government broadcaster should be charged with stirring anger among Afghans at rulers eager to bring further devastation to their country? That mission of countering Radio Shariat's propaganda should go to RFE/RL, the "radio free" outfit experienced in acting as a surrogate free press in repressive nations like Iran, Iraq and China. But evenhanded journalists at the V.O.A., backed by political holdovers on the Broadcasting Board, don't want those hard-sell types invading their turf. The V.O.A. broadcasts to Afghanistan with fine impartiality in the Dari, Pashto, Urdu and Arabic languages, and yesterday stepped up its time on the air; RFE/RL broadcasts only in Turkmen and Uzbek, understood in Afghanistan's north, where our problem is not. [...] (via Joel Rubin, DXLD)

also full article at:
http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/20/opinion/20SAFI.html?ex=1001974805&ei=1&en=8bfb66c3c09b9f46
(via Tom McNiff, DXLD)

There was a station like that before. [R. Free Afghanistan]. Ironically, it used to broadcast the messages of the CIA-backed "freedom fighters" like Bin Laden. The station was successfully jammed from the territory of the Soviet Union. Of course, according to Safire's logic, it would be much easier simply to it...

RFA had its own QSLs. The Soviet DXers who wrote to RFA also received the unsolicited magazine articles and pictures of the "Russian atrocities" in Afghanistan (Sergei Sosedkin, IL, swprograms via DXLD)

I wrote my last message from one of the libraries in the southern Chicago suburbs. I didn't realize that they started censoring such words as "terror" and "bomb." Re-read my message above and you'll know what I'm talking about. Sorry! I guess it's really a new world out there :-((Sergei Sosedkin, ibid.) [The first automatically censored word appeared in a quotation of previous item not reproduced here -gh]

First mention of Afghan service was in WRTH87. Last mentioned in WRTH90. The Russians came out in 89, did they not? (Andy Sennitt, ex-WRTH editor, swprograms via DXLD)

My 1991 Handbook shows an Afghan service under Germany RFE/RL in Pashto/Dari and Pashto Dari services also listed in 1992, I don`t have 1993, nothing in 1994 (Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

** U S A. VOA expands broadcasts to Afghanistan and Middle East | Text of press release by Voice of America on 19 September

Washington, DC, 19 September: In order to cover more thoroughly the unfolding events following last week's terrorist attacks, the Voice of America (VOA) has expanded news broadcasts in Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Pashto and Urdu to the Middle East and South and Central Asia (including Afghanistan). Broadcasts feature expanded coverage of events in the United States and the region. The daily broadcasts were increased as follows.

Pashto extended by 30 minutes for a total of 1.75 hours.
Dari extended by 30 minutes for a total of 1.75 hours.
Urdu added one half-hour programme for a total of 2 hours.
Arabic added four half-hour programmes for a total of 9 hours.
Farsi added two half-hour programmes for a total of 4.5 hours.

Arabic, broadcast to 21 countries in the Middle East and North Africa, and Farsi, broadcast primarily to Iran, were expanded beginning on 11 September 2001. Pashto and Dari, broadcast to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Urdu, broadcast to Pakistan and India, were expanded beginning the early hours of 18 September 2001. VOA's additional programming is broadcast via shortwave and mediumwave (AM) radio and live-streamed on the Internet at http://www.voanews.com

A survey of adult males in Afghanistan indicates VOA has an estimated weekly listenership of approximately 80 per cent. VOA listeners surveyed indicated high regard for the relevance and credibility of the station's programming - 94 per cent agreed VOA programmes were "relevant to my interests," and 72 per cent agreed that "VOA gives you the facts and lets you form your own opinions".

The Voice of America is a multimedia international broadcasting service funded by the US government. VOA broadcasts over 900 hours of news, informational, educational and cultural programming every week to a worldwide audience of 91 million. Programmes are produced and broadcast in English and 52 other languages.

For additional information, please contact the Office of External Affairs at (202) 619-2538 or send email to pubaff@voa.gov.

Source: Voice of America press release, Washington, in English 19 Sep 01 (via BBCM and Mike Terry via DXLD)

Geez, VOA publicity department, while you`re at it, why in the world don`t you include, or at least append, the actual times and MW and SW frequencies, in case anyone actually wants to *listen* to the expanded broadcasts?! I should NOT have to keep harping on this seemingly obvious point! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Extended VOA Broadcasts to the Middle East and Pakistan

Hi, as a reaction to the dastardly terror attacks to the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, Voice of America has increased its broadcast output in Arabic, Dari, Pashto and Urdu to the Middle East and Pakistan.

Arabic has been added at
1100-1130 on 15355, 15515 and 17685
1400-1430 on 9825 and 15495
1500-1530 on 9825, 13755 and 15495
1600-1630 on 9825, 13755 and 15495

The 1600 broadcast may have been increased once more because it has been heard on Sept 21 until 1700.

Dari has got an early afternoon broadcast at 1045-1100 on 15225, 17735 and 21700. Pashto has also got an early afternoon broadcast at 1030-1045 on 15255, 17735 and 21770.

Farsi has been added at 1130-1200 on 15355, 15515 and 17685; 1430-1500 on 9825 and 15495.

The first evening broadcast in Urdu at 1400 has been prolonged from 30 to 60 minutes and now starts at 1330 on 9505, 15190 and 17870. First heard on September 20 and 21. The VoA-Homepage has been updated on September 20 and lists all these changes. IBB's schedules do not have these add's.

Further changes may be possible when the US starts its 'camapign against terrorism'. No changes have been noted on BBC's and Deutsche Welle's [q.v.] broadcasts in the languages mentioned. Best wishes from Wuppertal vy 55 + 73, (Manfred Reiff, Sept 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. While reading about WJCR in the September 2001 Monitoring Times magazine, I find that my old Continental transmitters are once again on the air. I worked at Bethany Relay for 10 years, and was there when we closed in 1994. Those two transmitters have quite a history. One of them was used for the world's first stereo shortwave broadcast. Using VOA Europe as a program source, the left channel was fed to the lower sideband, and the right channel to the upper sideband. It took 2 receivers to get the stereo effect, but, I have audio tapes of the broadcast. When the 2 sidebands were equal level, there was about a 30 dB stereo separation, which would change to mono if one or the other sideband dropped in level. I am now back with the IBB / VOA out here in Delano, CA. There are still 2 of these transmitters sitting out here, which I plan to get operating once again one of these days (John Vodenik, CA, Sep 18, Cumbre DX via

DXLD)

** U S A. Program schedule September 18, WRMI Radio Miami International, 7385, 9955 and 15725 kHz Shortwave. Days are local days in the Americas; times are UTC. DÌas son dÌas locales en las AmÈricas; horas son UTC.

[This time we have edited out all religious shows, but retained Cuban exile broadcasts, foreign relays, DX, music/entertainment shows, with a few program description blurbs below the schedule -gh]

MONDAY-FRIDAY/LUNES-VIERNES
To the Caribbean and Latin America on 9955 kHz/Hacia el Caribe y LatinoamÈrica en 9955 kHz:
0930-1000 Radio Praga (espaÒol)
1000-1200 La Voz de La FundaciÛn (espaÒol)

To Caribbean and Latin America on 9955 kHz/Hacia el Caribe y LatinoamÈrica en 9955 kHz:
2300-0000 La Voz de La FundaciÛn (espaÒol)

Note: The following are Tuesday-Saturday UT. Los siguientes son martes-s·bado UT.

0000-0030 Radio Praga (espaÒol - lunes-viernes)
0030-0100 Viva Miami (espaÒol -miÈrcoles, viernes)

To North America on 7385 kHz/Hacia NorteamÈrica en 7385 kHz:
0200-0230 Radio Praga (espaÒol)
0230-0300 Kol Israel (English, Monday-Thursday)
0300-0330 Radio Prague (English)

SATURDAY/SABADO
To the Caribbean and Latin America on 9955 kHz/Hacia el Caribe y Latinoamerica en 9955 kHz:
0900-1000 Foro Militar Cubano (espaÒol)
1000-1200 La Voz de La FundaciÛn (espaÒol)

To North America on 15725 kHz/Hacia NorteamÈrica en 15725 kHz:
2100-2200 Viva Miami (English)

To the Caribbean and Latin America on 9955 kHz/Hacia el Caribe y LatinoamÈrica en 9955 kHz:
2300-0000 La Voz de La FundaciÛn (espaÒol)

Note: The following are Sunday UT. Los siguientes son domingo UT.

0000-0030 Conversando entre Cubanos (espaÒol)

0100-0200 Radio Revista Lux (espaÒol)

To North America on 7385 kHz/Para NorteamÈrica en 7385 kHz:
0200-0230 Radio Praga (espaÒol)
0300-0330 Radio Prague (English)
0330-0400 This Lousy Half-Hour Show (English)
0400-0430 Wavescan (English)
0430-0500 Thoughts, Feelings & Reality (English)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO
To the Caribbean and Latin America on 9955 kHz/Hacia el Caribe y LatinoamÈrica en 9955 kHz:
0900-1000 Foro Militar Cubano (espaÒol)

To North America on 15725 kHz/Hacia NorteamÈrica en 15725 kHz:
1230-1300 Wavescan (English)
1300-1330 Radio Prague (English)
1400-1500 World Radio Network (English)
[such as? VOA Communications World?? which is on WRN1 NAm at 1400?]
1500-1530 Wavescan (English)
2030-2100 Kol Israel (English)
2100-2300 Viva Miami (English/espaÒol)

To the Caribbean and Latin America on 9955 kHz/Hacia el Caribe y LatinoamÈrica en 9955 kHz:
Note: The following are Monday UT. Los siguientes son lunes UT

0030-0100 Radio Oriente Libre (espaÒol)
0130-0200 Conversando entre Cubanos (espaÒol)

To North America on 7385 kHz/Para NorteamÈrica en 7385 kHz:
0200-0230 Radio Praga (espaÒol)
0230-0300 Kol Israel (English)
0300-0330 Radio Prague (English)

Conversando entre Cubanos: Un programa de actualidad de la AsociaciÛn de Ex-Presos PolÌticos Cubanos en el Exilio. Producido por Justo Gabriel Quintana y Rolando Borges. DirecciÛn: Ex-Club, 6858 W. Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33144 USA.

Foro Militar Cubano: Programa polÌtico para Cuba producido por la AsociaciÛn de Veteranos Cubano Americanos (CAVA). Productor: Frank Hern·ndez Trujillo. DirecciÛn: Foro Militar Cubano, c/o CAVA, Apartado Postal 140305, Coral Gables, Florida 33144-0305. Fax +1-305-285-0311 Û +1-305-264-1880.

La Voz de la FundaciÛn: Programa de la FundaciÛn Nacional Cubano Americana, la organizaciÛn de exiliados cubanos mas grande de Miami.

Productora: Ninoska PÈrez CastellÛn [sic]. DirecciÛn: La Voz de la FundaciÛn, Apartado Postal 440069, Miami, Florida 33144 USA. Tel +1-305-592-7768. Fax +1-305-592-7889. Correo electrÛnico: information@canf.org. P·gina web: http://www.canfnet.org [but see CUBA non! - has been cancelled for now]

Radio Oriente Libre: Una transmisiÛn de la Asamblea Provincial de Oriente en el Exilio para sus compatriotas en Cuba. DirecciÛn: 15611 SW 48 Street, Miami, Florida 33185 EUA.

Radio Revista Lux: Programa de noticias y actualidades del Sindicato de Trabajadores ElÈctricos, Gas y Agua de Cuba en el Exilio. Productor: RenÈ L. DÌaz. Locutor: Marcial Ontivero. DirecciÛn: Radio Revista Lux, 7175 SW 8 Street, Suite 213, Miami, Florida 33144 EUA. TelÈfono/Fax: +1-305-262-6050.

This Lousy Half-Hour Show: Host Charlie Kaufman presents an eclectic variety of music, from blues and swing to jazz and steel drums. You never know what you're going to hear from week to week on Charlie's lousy half-an-hour show. It may be an offer for a barbecue beef ribs recipe, a commentary on the Eli·n Gonz·lez controversy or a feature dedicated to the Caribbean Carnival in Orlando, Florida. Tune him in and drop him a line. The show's on each Saturday night at 11:30 p.m. Eastern time on 7385 kHz. Address: This Lousy Half-Hour Show, P.O. Box 120095, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 USA. Fax +1-305-559-8186. E-mail: lousy@wrmi.net

Thoughts, Feelings & Reality: Joe Zychik presents this program live each Saturday night at 9:30 p.m. Pacific Time on 7385 kHz. Address: Thoughts, Feelings & Reality, 1560 Newbury Road #1-154, Newbury Park, California 91320 USA. Tel +1-805-375-5662. Fax +1-805-375-5659. E-mail: joe@zychik.com Web page: http://www.sexualcontrol.com [! -gh]

Viva Miami: Jeff White hosts the English edition of Viva Miami, which features information, music, entertainment, letters from listeners, DX news and interviews from Miami and the state of Florida, as well as travel features from around the world. Address: WRMI, P. O. Box 526852, Miami, Florida 33152 USA. Tel +1-305-559-WRMI (9764). Fax +1-305-559-8186. E-mail: info@wrmi.net The photo at left shows the building where WRMI headquarters is located in suburban Miami. Viva Miami originates from Studio One in this building. Topics for upcoming Viva Miami programs in English beginning in August 2000 include a report on the Sixth Annual Meeting of Mexican DXers in Oaxaca, and profiles of Radio Singapore International and Radio Veritas Asia. Web page: http://www.wrmi.net

Wavescan: A weekly programs from Adventist World Radio for DXers and shortwave radio enthusiasts, with news about radio around the world.

Produced by Adrian Peterson and presented by Dave Barasoain. Address: Wavescan, P.O. Box 29235, Indianapolis, Indiana 46229 USA. Tel/Fax +1-317-891-8540. E-mail: wavescan@awr.org. Web page: http://www.awr.org (WRMI schedule portfolio via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A. 6524.3 (870-7394.3), WWL/WRNO mix, 1145 22 Sept, WWL mixing product noted on new time/freq this morning, previously only logged on 6484.3 around 2300. WWL ID @ 1145. Only WWL audible on 6524.3, both Bro Stair and WWL audible on 7394.3 (David Hodgson, TN, harmonics via DXLD)

** U S A. WWV survey deadline near: The deadline is September 30 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology survey seeking information on how WWV and WWVH listeners use the standard time and frequency broadcast services. The survey remains available on the Web. It's also available as a printable PDF or HTML file and in a hard-copy, mail-in version. According to WWV Station Manager John Lowe, the last WWV-WWVH user survey was done in 1985. He confirmed that the data collected ultimately could be used to determine whether WWV and WWVH remain on the air--especially given the popularity of NIST's other outlets, including its Web-based time server that gets in excess of 3 million hits a day. While Lowe strongly encouraged all WWV and WWVH users to send in a survey, he has suggested that more weight will be given to responses from corporate and institutional users. WWV in Ft Collins, Colorado, and WWVH on Kauai, Hawaii, broadcast continuous time and frequency information to millions of listeners worldwide. For more information, contact John Lowe, lowe@boulder.nist.gov (ARRL via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A. "Listen Live" link on WABCRadio.com page leads to WLS: When I clicked the "Click here to listen live about the attack upon America" I got ABC talk's drive time show in RealAudio in Chicago. Hmm --- let's see, I heard an ad but that was for a local car dealer so that might not count as being AFTRA-produced.

On the other hand, ABC`s right-winger in San Francisco KSFO (560 kHz) has... (this same page has been up a while) http://www.ksfo.com/listenlive.asp (Joel Rubin, NY, Sept 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWCR continues to be uninterested in webcasting, but some programs produced there may be heard indirectly. The Old Record Shop and Ken`s Country Classics are recycled (or vice-versa?) Thursdays at noon CDT (1700-1900 UT) via http://www.wrvu.org and Sept 20 at 1800 he also featured Keen on Jazz (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Glenn, New webcast: WHRV Norfolk, VA. Includes Thomas Jefferson Hour, Tuesdays 1300-1400 ET. [1700-1800 UT] Kevin Kevin

Kelly Arlington, Mass. PublicRadioFan.com

This may be the ONLY place to hear it on web, as WVRU, 2300 UT Thu Sept 20, had some mumbling DJs on instead, contrary to own currently dated grid still showing TJ Hour (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Dear Radio Friend,

The latest Shortwave Report (September 21) is up on the web at http://www.outfarpress.com in both broadcast quality (13.6 MB) and quickdownload/streaming audio (3.4 MB). It's free to rebroadcast: please notify me if you air it, please mention the website if you only air a portion. If you just want to listen, try the streaming version, lower sound quality but good enough and way easier if you don't have a high-speed internet connection.

These stories cover through Thursday morning, and mainly focus on the 9/11 event and world opinion. As I write this Bush Jr is about to speak. I hope you've considered getting a shortwave radio, this is a time period when a global perspective is essential (In my opinion)

This week's show features Radio Netherlands, China Radio International, the Voice of Russia, Deutsche Welle, Spanish National Radio, and Radio Havana Cuba.

From Netherlands- Bush tells the president of Indonesia the war isn't against Muslims, while radical Muslim groups in Indonesia threaten US property if Afghanistan is attacked; 10 times the normal amount of airline stocks were bought "short" in the two trading days before 9/11; the first cracks in the global alliance against terrorism are beginning to show in Europe.

From China- Pakistan and India are worried about assisting the US against Afghanistan; China's President says the military campaign needs to be governed by the principles of the UN charter and international law; the Egyptian president urges the US to not be too hasty in retaliating.

From Russia- Albanian militants say they will attack US bases in the Balkans if the US hits Afghanistan; a global press review covering temporary bases for the US crusade, Russia's involvement, and the potential pitfalls of murdering Ossama bin Laden.

From Germany- a German military professor discusses the lack of substantial evidence showing that the attacks were masterminded by bin Laden.

From Spain- George McGovern, US ambassador to the UN Food Agency, says there is a critical lack of food in war-torn Zimbabwe; the president of Pakistan speaks to his people about his worries about upcoming US actions; a review of African newspapers urging the US to show restraint.

From Cuba- the Cuban government is worried about the hate and arrogance the US media is promoting in its citizens.

All this plus times and frequencies for listening globally at home. I hope you'll listen to this program and broadcast it if you are in that position. I'm still seeking a no-strings-attached funder. I'd love to here any comments you might have about any of this. link for broadcast edition-
http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/swr_9_21_01.mp3
link to stream or quick download-
http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml
°FurthuR! Dan Roberts
"Ideologies separate us. Dreams and anguish bring us together."
Eugene Ionesco (Roberts, Sept 20 via WDX6AA, shortwaves yahoogroup via DXLD)

This is the program we mentioned months ago and again recently, originally airing on KZYX, Mendocino County, Fridays 7 pm PDT (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. WCBE URGENTLY needs our help! The Columbus [Ohio] Public Schools Board of Education is currently doing the following:

- Withdrawing nearly $400,000 in support from WCBE despite the fact that WCBE had submitted a plan asking for $100,000 less for 2001-2 than previously given in yearly support as apart of a 5-year plan to be wholly self-sufficient. (the fact that WCBE isn't wholly self-sufficient already has to do with the fact that until Fall 2001 - the Board of Ed. had NEVER created paid district employee positions within WCBE to even raise money! Would your organization or business be able to make ends meet with no trained staff to raise funds?

- The administration is speaking with other organizations about taking over WCBE - including WOSU. If this happens, look for programs we currently know and love to be gutted along with the people who produce and host them. Do we need a public radio monopoly in Columbus?

Here are some of the things said at last night`s (9/18/01) Board meeting:

- JEFF CABOT said he wanted the WCBE budget cut and wanted 'something' done with WCBE. He also accuses WCBE of not serving the district in any way other than airing the Board meetings.

(FACT-WCBE like other departments in the district must follow chain of command to communicate and CANNOT speak with board members directly in order determine district goals for the radio station without fear of disciplinary measures being taken. FACT-WCBE's chain of command HAD to run through SHERRY BIRD-LONG - that's right, the School employee facing 18 months in prison for re-directing over

$200,000 to her husbands company. IS THIS THE PERSON YOU WOULD WANT REPRESENTING YOU TO YOUR SUPERIORS? COULD YOU TRUST A PERSON LIKE THIS TO TRANSMIT TO YOU, YOUR EMPLOYERS EXPECTATIONS?)

- Jeff Cabot said WCBE duplicates programming (Morning Edition, All Things Considered) with WOSU and felt that was bad for the community.

(FACT-WCBE has more listeners for any duplicated program, receives more donations than WOSU for those programs, and broadcasts those programs on the superior sound FM band while WOSU broadcasts them on AM. SHOULDN'T WOSU AS THE WEAKER OF THE TWO STATIONS BE THE ONES CONSIDERING DROPPING DUPLICATIVE PROGAMMING IF ANYONE IS GOING TO? FACT-National consultants and programmers say this duplication is actually beneficial because it helps hit different demographic groups and builds the public radio 'brand' name.)

- Bill Moss challenged the attitudes and statements of Jeff Cabot and said "It is easy to defeat a person if you first weaken them." (That seems to be the goal behind the budget cut!) Mr. Moss also said the district seems to have money for all kinds of other things, referring to Cabot's 'need' to cut money from WCBE.

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HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!!

Please e-mail, snail mail, or call Board Members and let them know how important WCBE is to you and the community. Let them know you will not tolerate WCBE being sold down the river. Give your own personal experiences and feelings about WCBE and tell how it is literally a part of you and something the School Board has no right to deprive Columbus of. Also, forward this e-mail to anyone you know that might suffer if WCBE ceases to exist. Below is a list of Board Members and their contact details. DO NOT DELAY - ACT NOW OR OUR CHERISHED RADIO STATION MAY BE GONE FOREVER! Look for more updates - if you don't care about WCBE and public radio and want to be removed from this list let me know.

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** VIETNAM [non]. CLANDESTINE from CIS? to VIETNAM. 15690, Voice of Khmer Krom, Sept 14, 1356 open carrier, 1403 started with chorus singing along with horns. [I was able to later match this up with the audio file at their website, it looks like the program feed started at 1400 even though the broadcast didn't.] Weak initially, but better after I retuned at 1430 [Decided to listen to Radio Free Vietnam in 15235, which was coming in nicely today.] Long talk by man in presumed Cambodian. I did clearly hear mentions of Kampuchea at this time. 1438 short talk by woman that had an echo followed by a local song. After song, two mentions of Kampuchea Krom by woman. No sign of any jamming today. I also noticed this contact information on their website: vokk@khmerkrom.org or P.O 121, Pensauken, NJ 08110 (Hans Johnson, WY, Cumbre DX via DXLD) ###